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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *Ev*

DATE: 8/7/64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*SUBJECT: OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

Tolson _____
 Belmont _____
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 Casper _____
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 Conrad _____
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 Holmes _____
 Gandy _____

We have today received from the White House a request for investigation of Otto Kerner, Governor of Illinois. Position involved not indicated. Upon approval, case will be ordered to Field for immediate investigation and no neighborhood investigations will be conducted.

A quick check of our files reveals Governor Kerner is on Special Correspondents' List. We conducted applicant investigation of him in 1947 in connection with his appointment as U.S. Attorney, Northern District of Illinois. The investigation was favorable and by letter of 7/8/47 the Director congratulated Kerner on his appointment. (77-33930). In September, 1947, Kerner was overheard commenting about bad quality of FBI reports. When contacted concerning this matter, Kerner denied making the statements.

ACTION:

If approved the case will be ordered to the Field for immediate investigation. The SAC of the Springfield Office will be instructed to personally contact Governor Kerner and advise him we are conducting the investigation of him at request of White House. The Field will also be instructed to conduct no neighborhood investigations without Bureau approval. You will be advised of any unusual developments.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
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August 7, 1964

Mr. DeLOACH:

in the office of Ralph Dungan at
 the White House called and asked that we do a field investigation
 on Otto Kerner, the present Governor of Illinois.

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Boston
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Baltimore
DHP: sub.

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ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (

) DATE: 8/17/64

FROM : SAC, DETROIT

(161-429)

SUBJECT: OTTO KERNER

SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)☐ Post and destroy
☐ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 8/18/64

Reason for the delinquency: Communication received Detroit 8/12/64,
Requiring investigation in distant RA.

Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau: 8/22/64

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.S. J. Ing.
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NUMEROUS REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Atto Kerner

Supervisor _____

Room _____

R# _____

Date 12/7

Searcher

Initial MS

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FILE NUMBER

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	<u>Atto</u>	
NP	117-997-	59
NT	121-3579-	8
NP	140-14978-	26 pg 22
	<u>Atto, Mrs</u>	
LT	105-65720-	165
	<u>Atto D.</u>	
NP	62-75147-9-	108
NP	71-3380-9-	5;
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Was not searched

NUMEROUS REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Otto KernerSupervisor [Signature] Room R# Date 10/1/71 Searcher Initial ClmProd. FILE NUMBER Cont Q#6 SERIAL

NP	94-46608-15	
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NI	98-10288-A	Ny Times 9/30/43
NI	98-15971-3	
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NP	100-17738-652	Q#5
NI	100-34017-6	
NP	100-56674-59	
NP	100-330948-3	
NP	100-335799-20	
NP	100-355703-102	Q#35
NI	100-42911-100	Q#27
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NP	105-15933-13	
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Subj: Otto, KepnerSupervisor [Signature] Room R# Date 8/7 Searcher Initial clmProd. FILE NUMBER Ent 75

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NP	66-8054-9-97	
Pers	67-342-1-33	destroyed
NP	69-4-25	
NP	77-00-268	
VP	77-60943-A	Chicago Tribune 6/17/58
NP	83-1928-1	
NP	91-446-949	
NP	91-5373-180	
NP	92-2818-84	
NP	87	
NP	89	
☒	92-3086-41	P# 2
NP	94-1-208-8405	
NP	8614	
NP	94-1-3751-112	
NP	114	
NP	94-4-39-10248	(5)

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SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Otto Kerner

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NP 62-96886-51
NP 62-97856-72

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Subj: Otto, Kerner

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ND 62-53231-6

NP 62-60276-15

NP 62-62392-1

NP 62-68445-17~~6~~

NP 62-73212-515

NP 62-75147-9-72

ep #24 A;

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ep #19;

NP -80 ep #28;

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SEARCH SLIP

Subj: Otto, Kerner

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I	(name check) 62-5	White House	20037
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NP			215 p7;
NP			216;
NP			246;
NP			424 p7;
NP			425;
I			515;
NP			520 p28;
I			521;
I			525 p7;
NP			527;
NP			1026
NP			1530 p214
NP	62-9-50-		178;
NP			181
NY	62-10550-		2919
NP	62-26225-16-A-9-30-49		
			Cg. Daily News
NP	62-32578-10040 p1 p217		
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			Daily News

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Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)☐ Subversive References Only☐ Nonsubversive References Only☐ Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of _____☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☐ Buildup☐ VariationsSubject Otto KernerBirthdate & Place Aug 15, 08

Address _____

Localities _____

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✓		29
MA	17-6911	3
MT	31-42620-	12;
		13
ND	56-0-A-	10-14-60
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ND		- 10-28-52 Cg.
		Daily Tribune
NP	58-2000-	1395
NP	58-3489-	1
NP	61-3176-	3697;
NP		3707
NP	61-7560-	4564 ①
NP	61-10730-	214p45

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Variations

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aka

Subject

Mary Alice Kenley Kerner

Birthdate & Place

193 931

Address

deceased

Localities

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Date

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Mary

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Kenley, Mary Alice

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Christensen Mary Alice

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☒ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

aka Mrs. Philip Icke ^{UK}

Subject Rose William Kerner

Birthdate & Place 1946

Address Ouray, Colorado

Localities *deceased*

By REC-10 Date 8-19 Searcher Initials 341

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NR, Rose NR
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Elcke, Rose Lillian
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TELETYPE

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REC-48

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TO SACS SPRINGFIELD
CHICAGO
WASHINGTON FIELD - ENC. 4 (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)
BOSTON
ST. LOUIS
BALTIMORE

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

OTTO KERNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY, BUDED AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NEXT.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF KERNER WHO IS APPARENTLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT, POSITION NOT STATED. HE IS GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS. BORN CHICAGO, AUGUST FIFTEEN, ONE NINE ZERO EIGHT, AND RESIDES GLENVIEW, ILLINOIS, WITH OFFICE AT STATE CAPITAL, SPRINGFIELD. SEE WHO'S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.

ALL OFFICES EXCEPT ST. LOUIS AND BALTIMORE SEE URFILES WHICH INDICATE KERNER WAS INVESTIGATED AS DAPLI IN ONE NINE FOUR SEVEN PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT AS U.S. ATTORNEY, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS. BRING UP TO DATE.

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Note: See attached memo 8/7/64 which has been approved.

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Tel to Springfield
Re: Otto Kerner

CAREFULLY REVIEW URFILES TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL INFO
IS PROPERLY REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRESENT DAY SPI
STANDARDS.

SAC SPRINGFIELD SHOULD PERSONALLY CONTACT GOVERNOR KERNER
AND ADVISE HIM THAT HE IS BEING INVESTIGATED AT REQUEST OF
WHITE HOUSE. ASSIGN TO EXPERIENCED AGENTS AND CONDUCT NO
NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATIONS RE KERNER UNLESS SOME REASON FOR
DOING SO ARISES AT WHICH TIME BUREAU APPROVAL MUST BE SECURED.

CHECK RECORDS OF APPROPRIATE BARS AND BAR ASSOCIATIONS,
INCLUDING ABA.

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FBI WASH DC

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TO SPRINGFIELD, CHICAGO, WASHINGTON FIELD, BOSTON, ST. LOUIS, AND
BALTIMORE

FROM DIRECTOR 2P

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ILLINOIS. BRING UP TO DATE.

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8-11-64

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (161-1416) RUC
RE: OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY
BUDED: 8-18-64

Re Bureau airtel to Springfield, 8-10-64.

**Personnel Military Personnel Records Center,
St. Louis, advised ID [redacted] 8-11-64, that they were
unable to locate a service record for KERNER this center.**

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**For information of WFO, miscellaneous papers on file
this center indicate serial number for KERNER as 0 358 530.**

WASHINGTON FIELD AT THE PENTAGON:

**Will attempt to locate records for KERNER and verify
military service.**

2 - Washington Field
1 - BUREAU
1 - St. Louis

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Miss Gandy	_____

FBI CHICAGO

553 PM CDST URGENT 8-12-64 MKS

TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT, TAMPA AND WASHINGTON FIELD

AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASH DC

FROM CHICAGO 161-917\ 2P

MR. CLEVELAND
ROOM 1246

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OTTO KERNER. SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST EIGHTEEN
NEXT.

WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OF KERNER, WHO
IS APPARENTLY BEING CONSIDERED FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT,
POSITION NOT STATED. KERNER FORMER USA, CHICAGO, NINETEEN
FORTYSEVEN TO FIFTYFOUR\ COOK COUNTY JUDGE FIFTYFOUR TO
SIXTYONE\ GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS SIXTYONE TO DATE.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE JAMES B. PARSONS WAS FORMER
AUSA UNDER KERNER, PRESENTLY ON VACATION, [REDACTED]

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PHONE [REDACTED]

8 OCT 6 1964

USA EDWARD V. HANRAHAN WAS FORMER FIRST ASSISTANT AG,
ILLINOIS, UNDER KERNER, PRESENTLY EN ROUTE VACATION THE
RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

PHONE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
AND ACTIVE IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION,

ONE SEVEN FOUR ONE RHODE ISLAND AVENUE, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C.

CSC REQUESTED NAME CHECK OF KERNER IN AUGUST, FIFTYSIX.

WFO REVIEW CSC FILES RE KERNER.

CHIEF JUDGE JOHN S. BOYLE, CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY,
CHICAGO, PRESENTLY ATTENDING ABA CONFERENCE NEW YORK CITY
RESIDING WALDORF ASTORIA, LEAVING NEW YORK THURSDAY NIGHT
DESTINATION UNKNOWN.

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To: SAC, Washington Field

From: Director, FBI

OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

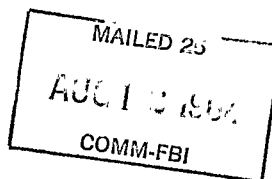
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Interview Senators Dirksen and Douglas from
Illinois.

NOTE: Cleared with Mr. DeLoach's Office this date.

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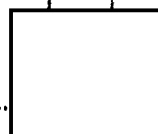


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Date: 8-12-64

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plain text or code)Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO
FROM SPRINGFIELD (161-200)
OTTO KERNER, SPI.

BUDED AUGUST EIGHTEEN SIXTYFOUR. REBULET AUGUST TEN LAST,
COPY ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO:

FOR INFORMATION CHICAGO, KERNER REPORTED TO HAVE SUMMER HOME
AT ANTIOCH, LAKE COUNTY, NO SPECIFIC ADDRESS AVAILABLE.

CHICAGO CONDUCT NECESSARY INQUIRY.

ST. LOUIS REVIEW ARMY SERVICE RECORD, ASN ZERO THREE FIVE
EIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO. ENTERED ON DUTY MARCH FIVE, FORTYONE,
FIELD ARTILLERY. SEPARATED MARCH SIXTEEN, FORTYSIX. DOB: EIGHT
DASH FIFTEEN DASH ZERO EIGHT.

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① - Bureau (AMSD)

1 - Springfield (161-200)
WCR:djk
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE BALTIMORE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 8/13/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/10-11/64
TITLE OF CASE OTTO KERNER		REPORT MADE BY IC 	TYPED BY mer b6 b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Baltimore dated 8/10/64.

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APPROVED <i>QRT</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW			
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:
Date:

IC [REDACTED]
8/15/64

Office: Baltimore, Maryland

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Field Office File No.: 161-1125

Bureau File No.:

Title: OTTO KERNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Review of G-2 files reflects no unfavorable information.

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DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

The files of G-2, U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, made available by a representative of that agency, were reviewed on 8/11/64. These files reflect that the captioned individual was the subject of a () National Agency Check, (X) partial background investigation, () complete background investigation completed on 1/24/52, during which no information was developed reflecting adversely upon the character, reputation or loyalty of this individual.

8/13/64

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TELETYPE

URGENT

TO : SACS, DETROIT and MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (161-917)

OTTO KERNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY. BUDED AUGUST EIGHTEEN,
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RE CHICAGO TEL AUGUST TWELVE, LAST.

DETROIT DISCONTINUE. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED.

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KERNER MARRIED HELENA CERMAK NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR,
WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY MARRIED TO FLOYD KENLAY. KENLAYS HAD
A DAUGHTER, MARY ALYCE, WHO WAS ADOPTED BY KERNER AND MARRIED

[REDACTED] SHE WAS DIVORCED FROM [REDACTED]
PRIOR TO HER DEATH IN NINETEEN FIFTY TWO. [REDACTED]
BELIEVED TO BE RESIDING [REDACTED] HOME OF

[REDACTED] MILWAUKEE CONDUCT CREDIT AND
ARREST CHECKS ON FORMER SON IN LAW.

WHITE HOUSE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION, POSITION NOT
STATED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO BUREAU.

1 - Bureau (AM)

EJN:mmf
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 FROM: SAC, WFO (77-19735)
 OTTO KERNER, SPECIAL INQUIRY
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 WIFE IS DAUGHTER OF FORMER MAYOR CERMAK OF CHICAGO. STATED
 WELL KNOWN TO APPOINTEES ASSOCIATES THAT HIS WIFE IS ALCOHOLIC
 AND APPOINTEE APPEARS ALONE IN PUBLIC. [] STATED APPOINTEE
 HAS NO CHILDREN BUT HAD ADOPTED TWO OR THREE CHILDREN WHO ARE
 HIS WIFE'S GRANDCHILDREN BY A CHILD FROM HER FIRST MARRIAGE.
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REPORTING OFFICE NEW YORK	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 8/14/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/13/64
TITLE OF CASE OTTO KERNER		REPORT MADE BY JOHN J. DIXSON	TYPED BY map
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPI	

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Chicago teletype to the Bureau, dated 8/12/64.

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Copy to:

Report of: JOHN J. DIXSON
Date: 8/14/64

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File #: 161-1407

Bureau File #:

Title: OTTO KERNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Chief Judge JOHN S. BOYLE, Circuit
Court of Cook County, Chicago recommends highly.

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DETAILS:

Miscellaneous

Chief Judge JOHN S. BOYLE, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, interviewed at the American Bar Association meeting at the Waldorf-Astoria on August 13, 1964, stated that he has known Governor OTTO KERNER for many years and knows no finer man. He stated further that Governor KERNER, who is running for re-election this fall, attended Brown University, the University of Cambridge, England for two years and Northwestern University Law School. He advised that Governor KERNER was in the service and saw much action in Italy as a Lieutenant Colonel and was discharged as a Major General. Judge BOYLE related that Governor KERNER was married to the daughter of the late ANTON CERMAK, former Mayor of Chicago, and a very fine woman. Judge BOYLE stated that Governor KERNER was an outstanding American, truly loyal and a man of the finest character and ideals and recommended Governor KERNER unequivocally and without reservation, stating that he could handle any position that the President of the United States may have in mind.

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REPORTING OFFICE BOSTON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 8/14/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/13/64
TITLE OF CASE OTTO KERNER		REPORT MADE BY KENNETH P. WEST	TYPED BY po'b
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Copy to:

Report of: SA KENNETH P. WEST
Date: 8/14/64

Office: Boston, Massachusetts

Field Office File No.: 161-1111

Bureau File No.:

Title: OTTO KERNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: [redacted] Brown University, Providence, R. I., advised that OTTO KERNER had been one of the trustees at that university up until 1963 but is no longer acting in that capacity. No credit or arrest record located for OTTO KERNER at Providence.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, on June 9, 1947 produced the scholastic record of OTTO KERNER at the request of SA [redacted]. This reflected that KERNER entered that University in September, 1926 and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June, 1930. The records further showed that he was above average as a student and also that he was born on August 15, 1908, but the place of birth was not denoted.

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A review of "Who's Who," 1962-1963 shows that OTTO KERNER, born August 15, 1908, Chicago, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1930 and was a Trustee of that school.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, advised
SA EDWARD J. DUNN that OTTO KERNER had been one of the
Trustees of that University up until 1963, but no longer is
acting in that capacity.

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Credit
On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
Credit Bureau, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island,
said she had no record on OTTO KERNER.

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Arrest
On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
Identification Office, Providence, Rhode Island Police
Department, advised there was no record on file at that
department for OTTO KERNER.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted] Bureau of
Criminal Identification, Providence County Courthouse, Providence,
Rhode Island, advised there was no record there for OTTO KERNER.

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REPORTING OFFICE MILWAUKEE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN BUREAU	DATE 8/15/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/14/64
TITLE OF CASE OTTO KERNER		REPORT MADE BY SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH	TYPED BY ah
		CHARACTER OF CASE SI	

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Chicago teletype to Milwaukee, 8/13/64

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No inquiry was made about [redacted] with Milwaukee County juvenile authorities, as in the past Juvenile Court Judge HOWARD BROWN has specifically informed the FBI that in accordance with Wisconsin statutes, information about juveniles is entirely confidential and he will be unable to authorize release of information to any law enforcement agencies.

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Accordingly, for the same reason, it is emphasized that the information from the Milwaukee police about the arrest of [redacted] while a juvenile be treated with special confidence. The police information was furnished in violation of Wisconsin law.

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Copy to:

Report of: SA GEORGE V. HUEBSCH
Date: August 15, 1964

Office: Milwaukee

Field Office File No.: MI 161-238

Bureau File No.:

Title: OTTO KERNER

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: Records, Circuit Court of Milwaukee County, Wis., show [redacted] was divorced [redacted] by MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN for cruel and inhuman treatment. Their two children rendered motherless 8/8/53 were legally adopted by their maternal grandparents, OTTO KERNER, Jr. and his wife, HELENA CERMAK KERNER, of Chicago, Illinois, 10/6/53; and on 1/12/54, the KERNERS released [redacted] from support and maintenance of his children. Milwaukee credit records re [redacted] born [redacted] and husband of [redacted] formerly favorable, but contain adverse reports 1960-62. [redacted] born [redacted]

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[redacted], and USAs declined prosecution of him due to his youth.

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At Milwaukee, WisconsinRegarding [redacted]b6
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[redacted] maintained by the Clerk of Circuit Court, Milwaukee County Courthouse, contained the following information:

One [redacted] filed a complaint on January 12, 1951, asking an absolute divorce from MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN on the grounds of [redacted]. The complaint said they were the parents of [redacted].

The court appointed a guardian ad litem for the defendant, MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN, who was only 20 years old on her last birthday, September 29, 1950.

On June 18, 1951, MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN filed an answering complaint. [redacted]

[redacted] She said they were married August 20, 1947, and she asked the court for a divorce.

A divorce was granted to MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN on July 13, 1951, and custody of the two children was awarded to her. In addition, the court ordered [redacted] to pay to Mrs. OTTO KERNER, Jr. the sum of \$750, which she advanced to him for his expenses at the time [redacted]. The court awarded MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN \$150 monthly alimony and support money.

A Photostat of a death certificate appeared in the file. It reported that MARY ALICE CHRISTENSEN died in Washington County, Wisconsin on August 8, 1953 as the result of an accident.

In the file also was a Photostat of an order of the Cook County Court, Chicago, Illinois, October 6, 1953, appointing OTTO KERNER, Jr. and his wife, HELENA CERMAK KERNER, both of Chicago, Illinois, the legal parents of [redacted].

On January 12, 1954, the KERNERS released [redacted] from support and maintenance of his children.

At the Credit Bureau of Milwaukee, [redacted] advised that the following information appeared in her files concerning one [redacted] born [redacted].

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At the Milwaukee Police Department, Bureau of Identification, [redacted] made available for review, the record of one [redacted] also known as [redacted] Milwaukee Police Department number [redacted] The record bore the following material:

[redacted] was born in [redacted] on [redacted] the son of CLARENCE CHRISTENSEN and EUGENIE CHRISTENSEN, nee GREER.

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Separate records of the Detective Bureau, Milwaukee Police Department, as reviewed by [redacted] showed that [redacted] born [redacted] resident, was the subject of a telegram received from the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department on May 12, 1945. The telegram stated that [redacted]
[redacted]

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Assistant U.S. Attorney [redacted] Milwaukee, declined
prosecution of [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE Springfield	OFFICE OF ORIGIN Bureau	DATE 8/17/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/10 - 14/64
TITLE OF CASE CHANGED: OTTO KERNER, aka Otto Kerner, Jr.		REPORT MADE BY SA WILLIAM C. RITT	TYPED BY ksw
		CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY	

The title is marked changed to include the name of OTTO KERNER, JR., utilized by KERNER at the time of prior investigation in 1947.

REFERENCE:

Bureau teletype to Springfield, 8/10/64.
Springfield airtel to St. Louis and Chicago, 8/12/64.
Chicago teletype to Director and Springfield, 8/14/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On August 10, 1964, at 11:35 AM, SAC R.D. GIBBONS contacted Governor KERNER and advised him of the investigation being conducted at the request of the White House.

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T-1 is [redacted] who was contacted
August 11, 1964. He is [redacted]

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T-2 is [redacted]

[redacted] He
requested his information be kept confidential and said
he would furnish it publicly if necessary.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA WILLIAM C. RITT
Date: August 17, 1964

Office: Springfield

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Title: OTTO KERNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: OTTO KERNER was elected Governor of Illinois and inaugurated 1/9/61 for four-year term. Enlisted in Illinois National Guard as private, 4/2/37 and retired as Major General, 5/5/54. He was on active duty in World War II in both the European and Pacific theaters of war. Former and present employee and associates and opposition leaders comment very favorably on morals, loyalty, ability and reputation and recommended him highly for any position of trust and confidence within the Government. Four associates stated his wife sometimes appears to use alcohol excessively. At least two associates commented she had a tragic life and may drink in an attempt to forget the tragedies. One former employee stated her former husband beat her so severely it was necessary for her to have corrective surgery at least two times. All stated she is never cause of any embarrassment to KERNER and would not be cause of embarrassment to the Government on any occasion. KERNER admitted to practice law 6/14/34, after examination, and is presently in good standing and a member of the Illinois Bar Association. Credit and criminal checks negative.

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DETAILS:

PRESENT POSITION - GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS

Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, advised on August 12, 1964 that official State records under his control reflect that OTTO KERNER was elected to the office of Governor of the State of Illinois at the general election held November 8, 1960; and at a joint session of the Illinois State Legislature on January 9, 1961, at 11:45 AM, the Legislature declared OTTO KERNER elected to the office of Governor of the State of Illinois for four years from January 9, 1961 and until his successor is elected and qualified. His inauguration was witnessed by both houses of the Legislature at this same time.

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GOVERNOR'S DUTIES

The following outline of the duties of the Governor of Illinois appears on pages 602 and 603 of the Illinois Blue Book (1961-1962), an official publication of the State of Illinois, edited by CHARLES F. CARPENTIER, Secretary of State:

"THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS is the chief executive of the state. He is elected in presidential election years to a four year term. However, there is no limitation on the number of terms the Governor can hold office. Illinois' constitution does require that the Governor be at least thirty years old and a resident of the state at least five years.

"His principal powers and duties are spelled out in the Constitution and state statutes.

"As head of the executive branch, the Governor appoints several hundred persons to key administrative positions--including the directors of the State's fifteen code departments--subject to approval by the State Senate. He also appoints, in whole or part, members of practically all boards and commissions and serves as a member or ex-officio member on various boards and commissions. The Governor can remove any official he appoints, provided there is just cause--incompetence or neglect of duty, for example.

"In addition, the Governor issues certificates of election and commissions to members of Congress from Illinois, judges and clerks of courts, members of the General Assembly and certain other elective officers. Under certain circumstances the Governor's appointment power is extended; he may fill vacancies in the office of the Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General or Superintendent of Public Instruction. He also fills vacancies in the United States Senate until the next congressional election. If less than one year of the term of office remains, he may fill judicial vacancies by appointment.

"When the legislative session begins in January of every odd-numbered year, the Governor delivers a message on the condition of the State and recommends what he considers necessary legislation. A short time later he submits a budget estimating the amount of money required to finance the state's operations for the next two years.

"When bills passed by the legislature reach the Governor's desk, he may sign them, veto them, or allow them to become law by holding them ten working days without taking any action. The Governor can also veto a portion of an

appropriation or money bill and still sign the remainder of it. If he vetoes a bill, the legislature may then override the Governor's veto with a two-thirds vote of both houses.

"On extraordinary occasions the Governor can call the legislature back into special session, stating the specific purposes of the session in his proclamation. This action limits legislative action to the subjects the Governor outlines in his call.

"The Governor can dismiss both the house and senate if they cannot agree on a time for adjournment. He can also call a meeting at some place other than Springfield in case of pestilence or public danger.

"The Constitution gives the Governor specific powers to grant pardons and reprieves to convicted persons and reduce their sentences, but he does not have authority to grant paroles. That authority is vested in the Pardon and Parole ~~Department~~ Department of Public Safety. The ~~Governor can~~ also issue warrants and petition ~~Governors~~ of other States for the return of fugitives to Illinois. He may offer rewards for the apprehension of criminals; and may restore citizenship rights of convicted felons.

"The Governor is the Commander-in-Chief of the state's military and naval forces. As such, he can call out these forces to execute laws, suppress insurrection or riot, and repel invasion. He appoints and commissions officers of the militia.

"Other powers of the Governor include: approval of construction contracts for state buildings if the cost is more than \$1,000; approve permits and leases for petroleum extraction from state lands and state park

concessions. Through the Attorney General he may institute eminent domain proceedings to acquire sites for housing developments and certain other public purposes.

"In general, the Governor does not exercise direct administrative control over other elected state offices. However, the Constitution gives him the power to require information on any subject relating to the condition, management or expenses of these offices at any time.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The following biographical sketch of Governor OTTO KERNER appears on page 98 of the Illinois Blue Book (1961-1962), an official publication of the State of Illinois, edited by CHARLES F. CARPENTIER, Secretary of State:

"OTTO KERNER (Democrat), was born in Chicago August 15, 1908. He attended Robert Burns Elementary and Oak Park High schools and received his B.A. degree from Brown University in 1930. He studied at Cambridge University, England, and Northwestern University, Chicago, where he was graduated Juris Doctor in 1934.

"He was appointed U. S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois in 1947. While engaged in the practice of law he was attorney for various major corporations. Kerner was elected county judge of Cook county in 1954 and re-elected in 1958. He was elected Governor of Illinois on November 8, 1960, and was inaugurated January 9, 1961. Mr. Kerner enlisted in the Black Horse Troop of the Illinois National Guard as a private in 1934 and rose to the rank of captain in 1941. He was on active duty in both infantry and field artillery in the Mediterranean and Pacific theatres and was advanced

to the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1945. Released from active duty in March 1946, he reorganized the 33rd Division, I.N.G. He became a brigadier general in 1951 and retired as a major general in 1954. Mr. Kerner is a 32nd Degree Mason, belongs to the Shrine, Red Cross of Constantine, Moose, I.O.O.F., Royal Arcanum, the College Alpha Delta Phi and the Legal Phi Delta Phi fraternities.

"He is a member of the American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago Bar Association, 7th Circuit Bar Association, West Suburban Bar Association, Bohemian Lawyers' Association, the Law Club and the Legal Club.

"He is married to the former Helena Cermak and resides with his two children at the Executive Mansion in Springfield.

The following biographical sketch appears in the publication entitled "Who's Who in America":

"Kerner, Otto,
"governor of Illinois, born Chicago 8-15-08,
son of Otto and Rose Barbara (Chmelik)
A.B. Brown University, 1930
Student Trinity College, Cambridge University,
Eng. 1930-31; J.D. Northwestern U. 1934.
Honorary degrees Brown University, N.W.
University, St. Procopius College, Lincoln
College, Quincy College, McKendree College.
Married Helena I. Cermak 10/29/34
Children Anton J.C., Helena C.
Admitted to Illinois Bar 1934, was associated
with Cooke, Sullivan and Ricks, May - Dec. 1934,
became partner Kerner, Jaros and Tittle Law
Firm 1935.
U. S. Districty Atty. for Northern District of
Illinois 1947-54, County Judge Cooke County, Ill.

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1954-1961, Governor of Illinois 1961-
Vice President Chicago Council, member 7th
regional executive council Boy Scouts of
America; director Bohemian Charitable
Association, Glenview United Fund, Cancer
and Red Cross Funds, Member Chicago Crime
Prevention Council, 1950-53, Trustee Brown
University, Member Illinois National Guard,
106th Cav. 1934-36, to Field Artillery 1936-
advance from Pvt. to Cap. 1941 in active
service 1941-6 with 9th Inf. Div. ETO and with
32nd Inf. Div. PTO, retired as major general
Decorated - soldiers medals, Bronze Star, Army
Commendation Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation.
Member American & Fed. Bar Associations,
Bohemian & West Suburban Bar Assoc., American
Judicative Society, Melelong order of World War I
(1st vice commoner 1946-7), Alpha Delta Phi,
Phi Delta Phi, Democrat, Mason (Shriners),
National Sojourner, Red Cross of Constantine,
Moose, Odd Fellow, Royal Arcanum.
Clubs: Commonwealth, Chicago, Brown, Wayfarers,
Legal, Law, North Shore Country, Cgo.
Home 750 Glendale Drive, Glenview, Illinois.
Office State Capitol, Springfield."

MILITARY SERVICE

[REDACTED] Head of the Military
and Naval Department of the State of Illinois, furnished
the following statement of service pertaining to OTTO
KERNER, JR.:

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"STATEMENT OF SERVICE

"OTTO KERNER, Jr. 0 358 530

"Born: Chicago, Illinois on 15 August 1908

"Enlisted as Private, Headquarters Troop 106th

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Cavalry, Illinois National Guard on 2 April 1937

"Honorably Discharged as Corporal from Headquarters Battery, 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard on 16 May 1937 to accept Commission in the Illinois National Guard

"Commissioned 2d Lt Field Artillery 1 June 1937 and assigned as Aide, 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard

"Promoted to 1st Lt Field Artillery effective 4 October 1949 and assigned Assistant Plans and Training Officer, 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard

"Reassigned Intelligence Officer on 8 August 1940, 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard

"Reassigned Adjutant on 4 December 1940, 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard

"Promoted to Captain Field Artillery and assigned as Adjutant 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard on 10 January 1941

"Inducted into Federal Service with the 58th Field Artillery Brigade, Illinois National Guard on 5 March 1941

"Successfully completed the Battery Officers' Course, Field Artillery School, Fort Sill, Oklahoma on 21 July 1941

"Promoted to Major, Field Artillery, National Guard of the United States, effective 1 February 1942

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"Promoted to Lt Col Field Artillery, National Guard of the United States, effective 13 January 1945

"Awarded the following Service Medals and Decorations while on Active Duty:

- Soldiers' Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Army Commendation
- Presidential Unit Citation
- American Defense Service Medal
- American Campaign Service Medal
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal w/2 Bronze Stars
- Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal
- World War II Victory Medal

"Illinois National Guard Service terminated while on active duty effective 29 December 1945 to accept appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps

"Released from Active Duty 16 March 1946
"Member of the Officers' Reserve Corps from 17 March 1946 - 17 December 1946

"Commissioned Colonel, Field Artillery, effective 18 December 1946 and assigned as Executive Officer, Headquarters, 33d Division Artillery, Illinois National Guard

"Reassigned Assistant Division Commander, Headquarters, 33d Infantry Division, Illinois National Guard, effective 11 March 1951

"Reassigned Division Artillery Commander, Headquarters, 33d Division Artillery Illinois National Guard effective 25 July 1952

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"Promoted to Brigadier General of the Line, Headquarters, 33d Division Artillery, Illinois National Guard effective 24 November 1952 and assigned Division Artillery Commander

"Resigned from the Illinois National Guard effective 4 December 1954 and transferred to the State Retired List as Major General effective 5 December 1954

"Awarded the Illinois Long and Honorable Service Medal and Ribbon, twenty-year Gold Bar and Gold Palm 24 April 1955."

[redacted] stated the following summary of military occupations appeared in the Separation Qualification Record, dated March 16, 1946, at the time KERNER was separated from active military duty with the Army of the United States:

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"FIELD ARTILLERY UNIT COMMANDER: Was battery commander of a 135 mm. howitzers field artillery battery. Supervised and directed the training of the unit. Was executive officer of a field artillery battalion. Supervised administration of the battalion and transmitted orders of commanding officer. Was a member and law member of division general courts martial.

INSTRUCTOR; TACTICS: Was an instructor in field artillery of battery, battalion and division, and employment of artillery in regimental combat teams at Ft. Sill, Okla.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING: Supervised the instruction of a group of instructors and was executive to assistant commandant organized training policies and doctrines.

PERSONNEL STAFF OFFICER: Was G-1 of the 32nd Infantry Division, Supervised and Directed the personnel administration of the division. Coordinated the repatriation of civilians and

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military POW's of China, Korea, and Formosa. Administered all the Army personnel of the 5th Amphibious Corps approximately 35,000 troops. Supervised and directed occupational activities of Military Government teams in the 32nd Division zone of action in Japan."

[] stated in an Abbreviated Efficiency Report pertaining to KERNER, prepared as of March 5, 1951, by Major General RICHARD SMYKAL, contained the following comment "An outstanding officer of superior mental, moral and physical qualifications. Well suited for higher command."

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He also stated the following comment appeared in an Efficiency Report prepared as of February 8, 1954, by Major General GEORGE F. FERRY:

"A superior officer and gentleman, whose faithfulness in the discharge of his duties and his hearty allegiance to the command sets the example for all who serve with him. He possesses a remarkable soldierly demeanor and his qualities of leadership and command are unequalled. He is well qualified to succeed me as division commander. Manner of performance: Superior."

He also advised that an Officer Efficiency Report prepared as of December 4, 1954 by Brigadier General JOSEPH C. HODGIN, contained the following comments and rating:

"A self reliant and able officer, possessing an alert and receptive mind, who achieves superior and timely results. Quickly adapts himself to changing situations. Excellent bearing and appearance. Possesses a pleasing personality and a splendid sense of humor. Physically and morally qualified. I regret the

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loss of this fine General Officer. General
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FORMER AND PRESENT EMPLOYEES

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The following investigation was conducted by SA ROBERT C. HAINES on August 13, 1964, at Elmhurst, Illinois:

[redacted] at The Principia College, advised that she is currently employed in the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois. She stated that in 1947 Governor OTTO KERNER was appointed United States Attorney at Chicago and she was [redacted] [redacted] from 1947 until July of 1954. She stated she worked closely with Mr. KERNER during that period of time, and subsequent to that time has, from time to time, visited with him on a social basis.

[redacted] advised she has only the highest regard for Mr. KERNER. She stated that his decisions were on a top level; he never dealt in personalities; and, he was fair in all of his dealings with employees in his office. She stated that his family background was wholesome, and there would be no question concerning his character, loyalty, reputation, or associations, nor would she have any reservations about any member of his family.

[redacted] stated that Mr. KERNER's wife, the former HELEN CERMAK, was married prior to her marriage to the Governor, to one FLOYD KENLEY (Phonetic), who is a practicing attorney in Chicago. She said that from conversations she has heard, KENLEY apparently was abusive to his wife and, in fact, assaulted her on at least two occasions, beating her about the head. She said that it was her understanding that subsequent to her divorce from KENLEY and her marriage to Mr. KERNER, Mrs. KERNER underwent two separate operations to alleviate a condition brought about by her beatings at the hands of KENLEY.

[redacted] advised that both the Governor and Mrs. KERNER have displayed very human qualities in their dealings with employees who have difficulties. She stated she would not hesitate to recommend Governor KERNER for any position of trust and confidence.

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On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] Office of the Secretary of
State, advised since 1961, he has met OTTO KERNER on
official business and recalls him as a kind, considerate
and courteous man who apparently knows what he
wants and is able to lead people in his direction.

His reputation in the area is excellent,
and everyone in and around the Capitol Building
speaks highly of his conduct and moral behavior.
He has heard no one, not even his opposition, suggest
his guilt of any kind of impropriety or conduct in
action.

[redacted] knows him only in a business connection,
does not know him socially, has not met his family and,
consequently, cannot furnish any evaluation concerning
the family members.

[redacted] expressed his opinion that Governor
KERNER would be an excellent and reliable addition
to any Federal staff and as far as he knows, neither
KERNER nor his family would be guilty of any conduct
that would reflect unfavorably upon them as
individuals or upon the Government.

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ACQUAINTANCES AND ASSOCIATES:

WILLIAM H. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary of State, State of Illinois, on August 12, 1964, advised knowing Governor KERNER since 1960. They met during the election campaign; and after KERNER took office, CHAMBERLAIN became legal advisor to the Speaker of the House. He has met KERNER and his family frequently.

He said KERNER was probably the most honest man he knows, that his morals and reputation were beyond reproach and even beyond attack by members of the opposition party. He cited KERNER's expense accounts as evidence of his honesty and said that they consistently amount to about one sixth of the totals submitted to his predecessors in office. No account claim is ever made by KERNER which in any manner could be considered a personal expense and some items are paid by him personally though they would be justifiably reimbursable as a necessary expense of the office.

In his opinion, KERNER is mature in his judgments, bases his judgments on facts, law and his conscience, and has sufficient personal courage to follow the dictates of his conscience.

He stated KERNER is intensely loyal to the United States Government, that his fidelity to his country has never been and never could be challenged.

In dealings with employees, KERNER is kind, considerate, fair and charitable and makes them feel that they are working with him rather than for him.

Under all conditions, he demonstrates complete control over his temper even when he is provoked but he does possess the ability to communicate his intense dissatisfaction with a particular situation to those who are around at the time. Under extreme stress, he remains courteous and gentlemanly.

He, individually, is a hard worker and usually is the first man arriving at the office in the morning. He expects his associates to perform a full day's work.

KERNER has demonstrated ability as an organizer as shown by his success in handling the past legislature in securing passage of several bills to which previous legislatures entertained considerable opposition.

Although he and KERNER are close personally, they still are not very close socially, but he does still socialize with the KERNERS at Christmas time, at regular Monday meetings at the Governor's Mansion and at social functions given in honor of visiting dignitaries.

As far as he knows, the only problems which KERNER has is one presented by his wife when she drinks to excess and apparently becomes intoxicated. He went on to add by way of explanation that her life has been filled with serious tragedy and there probably is some excuse for her drinking.

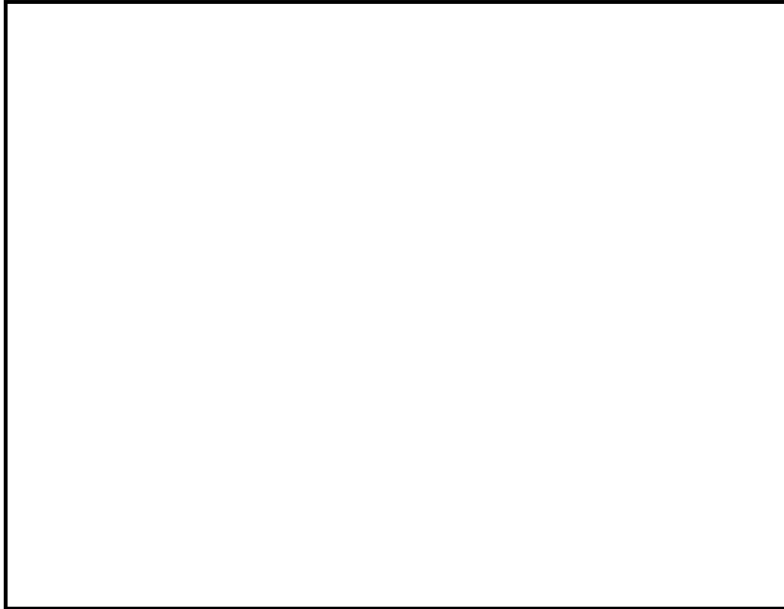
According to information available to him, she is the former HELENA CERMAK. Her father, while mayor of Chicago, was killed by an assassin's bullet intended for the then President FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. Later, her daughter and her daughter's husband (according to him) were killed in an automobile accident. Prior to, on, and around the anniversaries of these tragedies, she becomes reticent, morose and resorts to drink in what seems to be a vain attempt to obliterate horrible memories from her consciousness.

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He has observed HELENA KERNER in what appeared to him as an intoxicated condition on at least two occasions. At these times, and at other times, according to associates, not specifically recalled, she retires from the group and apparently desires to be alone. While under the influence of liquor, she does not present any behavior problems because she is easily controlled by and responds to the directions and suggestions of the following people:

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Her husband, the governor;



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These people, especially the governor, are most solicitous of her welfare at these times of apparent inebriation and all take very special efforts to protect her.

CHAMBERLAIN said he was most positive that HELENA KERNER would never be the source of public embarrassment to her husband or to any agency represented by her husband.

In summation, CHAMBERLAIN said that if he had a son, he would want his son to grow into the type of man represented by OTTO KERNER. He concluded that, by stating he would recommend Mr. KERNER for any position of trust and confidence in the government and is certain that he would perform excellently in any assignment.

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] for the State of Illinois,
advised he has known OTTO KERNER for approximately [redacted]
[redacted] as a friend and as an active worker in the
Democratic Party.

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[redacted] said he was [redacted]
[redacted] while KERNER was United States Attorney
in Chicago.

He said he considered KERNER as absolutely loyal to the United States Government, as an individual of complete integrity, as a person possessing highest morals and as one in whom full faith and confidence can be placed as far as any government assignment is concerned.

He stated he was a reasonable individual who was careful to base his decision on all available facts and who had demonstrated organizational ability possessed by few individuals.

He said his reputation even among leaders of the opposition party was beyond reproach.

He advised that even though he was close to the governor in political and state affairs, he nevertheless was not close to him socially and that his knowledge of the family was limited to the fact that he was married to an apparently fine woman who cared for her family of two adopted children.

He said he knew of no reasons why either Mr. KERNER or members of his family would be the source of embarrassment to any individual or to any agency by whom he might be employed.

In summation, he stated that it was his opinion that the inclusion of OTTO KERNER on the staff of any governmental agency would add stature to that agency.

Senator GEORGE E. DRACH (R), of the Illinois Legislature, who is a legislative whip or majority leader on August 13, 1964, advised as follows:

He has known KERNER for a number of years and knew his father. The KERNER name has been long respected in Illinois and OTTO KERNER merits and deserves and has the respect of his political friends and foes alike.

He admires KERNER personally. He sees him occasionally on the golf links, at the Illini Club, where both are members, at various social functions and at various state business sessions.

He stated it is his positive opinion that KERNER's personal integrity and loyalty to the United States Government is beyond any possible challenge and he regards him as an individual who is consistently gracious, courteous, gentlemanly, sartorially clever and appropriate, who always conducts himself with great poise and distinction.

He said the only criticism he would have of Mr. KERNER is that he believes KERNER, politically, is obligated to Mayor DALEY of Chicago and of necessity must cooperate with them; however, he added this is generally true in any political office and if the office holder did not respect his obligations, he would not merit the support of his own party nor the respect of the other party.

When Mr. and Mrs. KERNER arrived in the Springfield area, [redacted] and others made overtures to introduce Mrs. KERNER to the Springfield society and attempted to make living in Springfield pleasant.

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Mrs. KERNER did not respond to these overtures and evidenced an unwillingness to meet people and in some respects even appeared to be rude in expressing an apparent desire to be left alone. On at least two occasions it was his opinion which he said was shared by others, that Mrs. KERNER gave the definite impression that she had been drinking.

However, he added that her drinking and her desire to be left alone is not a matter of public knowledge and her actions would never be the source of any embarrassment to any agency or to any employer with which Mr. KERNER was associated.

It was his opinion that OTTO KERNER is the greater citizen of the two. He said he would definitely

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recommend Mr. KERNER for a position of trust and confidence within the Government and felt that he would discharge the obligations of the position to the best of his abilities.

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GEORGE P. COUTRAKON, a lawyer and present State Representative (R) and former State's Attorney of Sangamon County, on August 11, 1964, advised that he has known KERNER since KERNER became Governor of the State of Illinois.

He said he regards the Governor as a very reliable individual who is consistently regarded as a man of his word, possessing good morals and enjoying an excellent reputation in all things.

He said he apparently exercised good judgment and certainly has demonstrated considerable leadership ability.

He said his only complaint is that he believes that the Governor is politically obligated to Mayor RICHARD DALEY of Chicago; however, he added that, of course, this is only rumor and even if it is true, it is still good party politics.

He said he knows Mrs. KERNER only very slightly and has heard that she is a very gracious and pleasant individual who contributes charm and graciousness to the Governor's circle at the time of formal entertainment.

Springfield Confidential Informant T-1, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised on August 11, 1964, that he has known KERNER for a number of years and in that time has formed the opinion that Mr. KERNER possesses excellent morals, sound judicial temperament, and complete personal integrity, and is an individual who is completely loyal to the United States Government.

He stated he could spend hours eulogizing the many good attributes of Governor KERNER but would limit it to the expression that he would recommend him highly for any position within the United States Government.

He advised he knew Mrs. KERNER prior to her marriage to OTTO KERNER and said she possesses a very charming personality; however, apparently since the time following World War II she has more or less become addicted

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to the excessive use of alcohol. In fact, he stated if she were his wife, he would institutionalize her for treatment.

He added, however, that in spite of her excessive use of alcohol, she does not present any handicap to the Governor, because she apparently is under control and does not lose control of her faculties while drinking. He said she has every attribute for greatness, in spite of her difficulty with alcohol.

He said probably her use of alcohol can be rationalized if one considers the difficulties she has encountered in her life and is willing to consider these difficulties as excuses.

General LEO M. BOYLE, Major General, Adjutant General, Chief of Staff, Illinois National Guard, who by virtue of his office is head of the Military and Naval Departments of the State of Illinois, on August 12, 1964, advised he probably would be quite biased while furnishing any opinion concerning Governor OTTO KERNER, because he has known KERNER for over 25 years, knew his father prior to that, felt a close attachment to him, and believed that if he had the choice, he would appoint OTTO KERNER to any position of authority and responsibility within the United States Government.

He served in the military with OTTO KERNER and from his military, political, and business contacts knows he is an absolutely responsible, reliable, loyal, and dedicated individual who could only bring honor to anyone with whom he chose to associate.

He is well educated and trained to make decisions only after accumulating and digesting all the facts that can possibly affect the decision. His word is completely acceptable as a binding obligation, and a verbally expressed intention of an act he considers binding upon himself.

He can work and plan with a group and will, when asked, express his opinion, even though that opinion may not

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coincide with the common opinion; however, in spite of not thinking with the group, he can sublimate his opinion and effectively and honestly carry out the program upon which the group has expressed majority approval.

He does not sulk or complain if his opinion is not shared by the group but will actively support the group.

He has a talent for leadership and organization, can and will accept responsibility and effectively discharge his responsibilities, either by direct action on his part or by the proper delegation of authority with the constraint of proper supervision.

He is completely honest, open, and above board, very fair and open in his dealings with individuals, can and does maintain confidences, and in the past has demonstrated complete worthiness of trust with top secret information for which he was cleared.

There is absolutely no question possible concerning his morals or loyalty to the United States Government.

[redacted] stated in spite of his close association with Governor KERNER, there has been no social contact as such; and, he does not know Mr. KERNER's wife or children and could not furnish information concerning them.

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[redacted] on August 13, 1964, identified himself as the [redacted] and as [redacted]

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[redacted] and furnished the following information:

He has known the Governor since his arrival in Springfield and has had contact with him at committee meetings and other open functions. He is always reported as possessing excellent moral characteristics, and members of both parties speak very well of him.

It is his own observation that Mr. KERNER always appears to him to be a gentleman and a scholar.

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He said he disagrees with some of the expressed ideologies of government which are advocated by KERNER, but personally he considers him a "high grade article" who could capably discharge any obligations imposed upon him.

[] says he does not know the wife or family of Mr. KERNER and, consequently, could not furnish any information concerning them.

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[] on August 13, 1964, advised as follows:

He has known the Governor since his arrival in Springfield and on all occasions has found him to be kind and courteous and an admitted gentleman.

He appears to be honest and efficient in his government, and there has been no question made of his personal integrity. He is popular with the people.

Members of both political parties have expressed admiration of him as an individual, and no one has raised any challenge as to his loyalty to the United States Government.

He said he would summarize his opinion of KERNER as being a man who has great charm, ability to handle an audience, and who in the past two and one-half years has been exceptionally successful in the operation of the Governor's Office; and, he himself would not be at all disturbed if KERNER were re-elected.

This same individual believed that the following information was worthy of notation:

He said there are many rumors, not public, but in political circles, to the effect that the wife of the Governor drinks to excess. He said he believes that the rumors are true, since on two occasions he personally observed her

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when in his opinion she had been drinking excessively.

One of these occasions occurred at a joint party of the Bar Association and the Medical Association, and the other occasion could not be specifically recalled.

At these times he said she gave the appearance of an individual who was either under the influence of alcohol or who was suffering from a spastic condition.

He said as far as he knew, the drinking on the part of the Governor's wife has not been the cause of any embarrassment to him or to his office.

ADMISSION TO THE BAR

On August 10, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that OTTO KERNER, born August 15, 1908, at Chicago, and then living at 1031 Ashland Street, River Forest, Illinois, passed the March, 1934, Bar Examination. His record indicated attendance at Brown University, Trinity College, Cambridge, and Northwestern University School of Law, with a J. D. Degree on June 18, 1934.

[REDACTED] of the [REDACTED], on August 10, 1964, advised that records indicated OTTO KERNER was admitted to the practice of law on June 14, 1934, by examination from Cook County and was then a member in good standing.

[REDACTED] Illinois State Bar Association, on August 10, 1964, advised that OTTO KERNER was a member of the Association in good standing since 1934. He was admitted on June 14, 1934. No grievances are on file.

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[REDACTED] of the Springfield

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Credit Bureau, on August 10, 1964, and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Springfield Police Department, and
[REDACTED] of Sangamon County, on
August 11, 1964, advised that records under their control
contain no reference identifiable as pertaining to OTTO
KERNER or to his wife or members of his family.

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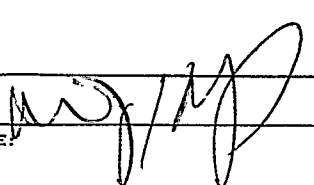
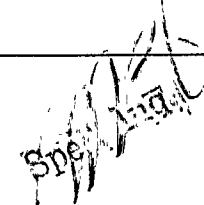
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ADMINISTRATIVE

The following information is being placed on the administrative page due to the nature of the comments of Sheriff CHARLES LARSON which are only opinions formed with no actual verification:

On August 14, 1964, Sheriff CHARLES LARSON, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, advised that he is a lifelong Antioch, Illinois, resident and has known the KERNERS for more than 20 years. He said that although he and Governor KERNER are of opposite political parties, he has always admired and respected the Governor and has had no question regarding his integrity, sobriety, or morality. He has, in fact, informed the Governor of his regret that they belong to different political parties, because he would personally like to be one of his supporters. Sheriff LARSON said that he has had little informal contact with the Governor who likes to be alone and unrecognized, if possible, when at his summer place. However, the spotlight of publicity is almost always upon them. He knows nothing in the Governor's life which would reflect against him.

There are two matters, however, which he requested be maintained as confidential.

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Sheriff LARSON said another matter which is completely within the realm of suspicion if that so far as



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LARSON said that if these unknown persons were KERNER's friends and guests rather than  friends and guests, it would raise a question in his mind.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised
SA [redacted] as follows:

He has been associated with the above [redacted]
[redacted] since his separation from the United States Navy. He
confidentially is aware of the wide spread rumors that [redacted]
[redacted]. He is convinced in
his own mind that this is true.

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He knows that [redacted] has been an avid supporter of
Governor KERNER and was once [redacted]
for Kerner and is believed to presently be [redacted]

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[redacted] has the idea, however, that [redacted]
connection with the KERNERS is through [redacted] affinity, or
visa versa, with Mrs. KERNER, whom he sneepneras around rather than
any close connection with Governor KERNER.

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During the time that he has known Governor KERNER, which
is to the extent of having met him on several occasions since he,
[redacted] is active in the same political party and because of some
members of his law firm being supporters of the Governor, he has
no question in his mind concerning the integrity, honesty, or
moral character of the Governor.

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[redacted] said he attended the Lake County Bar Association
Golf Tournament on August 13, 1964. He is aware that there were
a number of persons who surrounded Governor KERNER, or seemed to
surround him, all night. These persons were definitely guests of
[redacted]. The firm usually invites a number of people to this
event as their guests. [redacted] invited a young man who is a
permanent "house guest", another who is believed to be a hair
dresser, and another person whose identity [redacted] does not know.
The reason [redacted] does not know these people beyond the above is
is that he avoids them because he believes that they, [redacted]

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[redacted] said there has never been any hint of anything wrong in this matter on the part of the Governor and he believes that any rumors would simply stem from the fact that [redacted] a person of wide spread reputation in this area, is a supporter of the Governor. He noted that [redacted] had kept himself "glued" to the Governor the entire previous evening and [redacted] friends had in turn been glued to him.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] Lake County, Illinois, advised as follows:

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He has no personal acquaintanceship with the Governor except to have met him from time to time. [redacted]

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[redacted]
[redacted] reputation of being a [redacted] has heard rumors in both local and political circles in Lake County that KERNER is a homosexual. These rumors have come about since [redacted] has been supporting KERNER and may be the basis for it. He, [redacted] never really considered it enough to recall who it was that made the comments. He considered it like the rumor that MAMIE EISENHOWER was an alcoholic.

[redacted] said there is no reason to question the integrity of the Governor so far as he knows.

He said that Mrs. KERNER is apparently an alcoholic. He noted that this summer there was a burglary in the KERNER cottage near Antioch. About two weeks ago Mrs. KERNER called the States Attorney's Office and spoke to [redacted] while [redacted] listened in on an extension. [redacted] was in [redacted] Office. [redacted] and the secretary informed [redacted] that Mrs. KERNER was greatly intoxicated, which impression [redacted] had formed during the course of the conversation just from hearing [redacted] responses.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted] Detectives Bureau, Waukegan, Illinois, advised that [redacted] has

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never been arrested for any homosexual activity. He has known [redacted] for many years and knows him to have a wide spread and apparently deserved reputation along those lines. He noted that [redacted] is quick to defend in court anyone arrested on [redacted] and seems to appear at the police station very shortly after they are arrested.

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[redacted] said that if [redacted] was known in the Department to have been so engaged, but not arrested, [redacted] would be the person that would know.

On August 14, 1964, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] he has no information except suspicion.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA EDWARD J. NEHLS
Date: 8/17/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: 161-917

Bureau File No.:

Title: OTTO KERNER

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Birth verified. Appointee graduated from Northwestern University Law School with a JD degree 6/34, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree 6/61, from St. Procopious College. Professors comment favorably. Employment as law clerk with Cooke Sullivan and Ricks verified, former partner comments favorably. Employment as partner of Kerner, Jaros and Tittle verified and satisfactory, former partner comments favorably. Employment as United States Attorney verified, associates comment favorably. Election as Cook County Judge verified, associates comment favorably. Appointee member in good standing of ABA and CBA, associate in CBA comments favorably. Three federal judges comment favorably. Associates of both major political parties comment favorably. Many individuals advise Mrs. OTTO KERNER drinks to excess. Credit check satisfactory of OTTO KERNER, Jr. and his wife, negative on mother and sister. Arrest check negative. A review of newspaper libraries set forth, reflecting criticism of KERNER for not taking action on alleged vote frauds and a reversal by the appellate court due to KERNER as Cook County Judge not disqualifying himself.

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DETAILS:

Birth

On August 14, 1964, IC [redacted] checked the records of Bureau of Vital Statistics, 130 North Wells Street, Chicago, Illinois, and located a birth certificate number 8622 filed October 15, 1908, which reflects that OTTO KERNER, JR., was born August 15, 1908, at Chicago, Illinois, to OTTO KERNER, Attorney born Chicago, Illinois, and ROSE BARBARA KERNER nee Chmelik born Lison, Bohemia, Europe.

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Education

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School of Law
357 East Chicago Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

On August 12, 1964, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the records of her office reflect the following information:

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OTTO KERNER, JR., who was born in 1908 and whose address was 1031 Ashland Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, enrolled in the Law School in September, 1931. He remained in attendance until June, 1934, and was awarded a Juris Doctor degree. The appointee had received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University, and was given credit by the law school for one year's attendance at Cambridge Law School.

[redacted] said that no class standing or grade average was recorded for law school students when the appointee was attending Northwestern University. She said that her records contain no other information concerning the appointee.

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On August 12, 1964, [redacted] Northwestern University, Law School, advised SA [redacted] that he had been a member of the law school faculty in 1931 and was formerly Dean of the school. He has known the appointee for many years, having been closely associated with him when the appointee was United States Attorney in Chicago and later when the appointee was elected County Judge in Cook County. After the appointee was elected Governor of Illinois, [redacted] had few contacts with him. He recalls having attended a few alumni meetings at which the appointee was also in attendance, but had no distinct recollection of any conversations with the appointee during recent years.

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[redacted] said that he considers the appointee to be an honest, dependable, trustworthy person. When the appointee was campaigning for Governor, his campaign was based on his record for high integrity. [redacted] said the appointee is a prominent, well-known person who has received much publicity from Illinois newspapers. He has never heard of anything that would cause him to question the appointee's reputation, moral character or personal conduct. He said that he believes the appointee can be relied upon to exercise discretion and good judgment.

[redacted] said that the appointee has a strong sense of responsibility and he has complete confidence in the appointee's loyalty to the United States.

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On August 12, 1964, [redacted] [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had joined the faculty of Northwestern University Law School in 1936. He said that while he had not known the appointee when the appointee was a student at Northwestern University, he had been associated with the appointee when the latter was serving as United States Attorney in Chicago and later when he was elected a County Judge for Cook County. He said that he has not been associated with the appointee since the latter became Governor of Illinois.

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[redacted] said that the appointee is a prominent, well-known person. He said that the appointee enjoys a good reputation and holds the respect of his colleagues.

[redacted] said that he has complete confidence in the appointee's loyalty to the United States and that he would recommend the appointee for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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[redacted] St. Procopius College, Lisle, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] on August 13, 1964, that St. Procopius College presented Governor OTTO KERNER with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree (Honoris Causa), the highest honorary degree possible at graduation exercises on June 1, 1961. [redacted] advised that the above degree was bestowed on Governor KERNER for his outstanding service to his country and as one of the leading citizens of this state.

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He advised that the citation accompanying the above degree which he personally delivered at the above exercise, related that Governor KERNER was renown for his "great ability, sound integrity, broad vision, shrewd judgment, and progressive outlook", all of which has won him the admiration and acclaim of his fellow statesmen. He advised that the citation spoke of the Governor's "profound knowledge of civil law as a lawyer and man", and as a soldier having entered military service as a private and retiring as a major general. [redacted] stated that the citation further related that the Governor was "passionately opposed to intolerance, indolence, cowardice, and complacency".

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[redacted] advised that Governor KERNER and his mother have been long time friends of the college and he and Governor KERNER have served on several committees in the past concerning the college administration and activities. [redacted] described Governor KERNER as an "affable, debonair, and sympathetic" person who would be an exceptional candidate for any position of trust.

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Employment

Cooke Sullivan and Ricks
Chicago, Illinois (1934)

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] Union Carbide, 230 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he was a former partner in the above firm, which is no longer in existence. He said OTTO KERNER, JR. came to work for the firm as a law clerk to gain some experience either while he was studying for his bar examination or just after he had been admitted. He said OTTO KERNER, SR. had secured the position for him when he was Attorney General of Illinois as a friend of the firm. He stated KERNER, JR. stayed for a few months and then went with another firm that his father was previously associated. [redacted] said KERNER, JR. was a respectable, hard working young attorney of excellent moral character. He said he still sees KERNER, JR. a couple times a year and considers him to be a unquestionably loyal American of impeccable character. He said he knows nothing of an adverse nature regarding KERNER, JR.

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Kerner, Jaros and Tittle
Chicago, Illinois

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]

[redacted] 111 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, advised that OTTO KERNER, SR. used to be a partner of that firm before accepting public office. He said they kept the name KERNER and that KERNER, SR's son OTTO KERNER, JR. stepped in as a partner in his father's place after a few months experience in another firm. [redacted] said he recalls it was about November, 1934, when KERNER, JR. joined the firm and that he remained a partner until 1947 when he became

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United States Attorney. [] said KERNER, JR., and his wife are persons of excellent moral character and that KERNER, JR.'s integrity, industry and intelligence are superb.

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He stated he has known Mrs. KERNER, the former HELENA CERMAK, and KERNER's sisters, ROSE (deceased) and [] all their lives. He said Mrs. KERNER has an ear defect, loss of hearing, and, as a result, personal unbalance and frustration, which has resulted in a drinking problem. He said she does not drink to excess but that one or two drinks cause her to be unsteady due to the ear defect.

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[] stated KERNER, JR.'s stepdaughter, MARY ALYCE, eloped with a [] at an early age and was killed several years later in an automobile accident. He said her husband, [] was not able to support or care for the children so they were adopted by the KERNERS. He stated prior to her death, that they were separated and not living as a family.

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[] stated [] married [] and was subsequently divorced due to his excessive drinking, which turned him into a habitual drunk, whereabouts unknown. She later married [] and continues to reside in [] Illinois.

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[] said he believes KERNER, JR., to be an excellent attorney, judge and administrator and highly recommends him for any position for which he may be considered.

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United States Attorney
Chicago, Illinois

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] furnished KERNER's
personnel card which reflects that he was appointed
as United States Attorney July 8, 1947. He re-
sided at 219 East Lake Shore Drive. He resigned
January 15, 1954 to become a candidate for local
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On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] advised he was employed under
Mr. KERNER's administration and considered him to
be an efficient, conscientious United States Attorney
whose conduct in office was exemplary. He stated
he regarded KERNER as a person of excellent character,
reputation, morals and associates of whom he knew
nothing unfavorable.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] 105 South LaSalle Street, Chicago,
Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR.
since about 1946. He said he was an [redacted]
[redacted] under him until [redacted] and
has remained in close personal contact with him as a friend
and for about ten years as a neighbor in Glenview, Illin-
ois. He said KERNER was a honorable United States Attor-
ney, completely independent of pressures and was an ex-
cellent administrator. He said KERNER was usually the
first one at the office and the last to leave, devoting
full measure to his appointment and creating a good es-
prit de corps among the entire staff.

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[] said KERNER held the dignity of the court to the highest when he was judge of Cook County, Illinois.

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Personally, [] said, he regards KERNER as an unquestionably loyal American of outstanding character, reputation and integrity.

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[] stated KERNER's former son-in-law, [] was either divorced or in process of being divorced at the time of his step-daughter's, MARY ALYCE, death. He said KERNER adopted the children of [] who had never accepted parental responsibility in the first place.

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[] said he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning KERNER or his wife.

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On August 13, 1964, [] Illinois Department on Conservation, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known KERNER since about 1947 when he became Liaison Officer as a Chicago Police Officer with the United States Attorney's Office. [] said he has remained as a close associate of KERNER since that time and is presently on his staff. He said he does not know of a finer man living today and considers him to be of the highest moral character. He stated that he does not know anything of an adverse nature regarding KERNER or his wife and recommends him most highly for any position. He

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stated that Mrs. KERNER has undergone two unsuccessful ear operations and as a result has lost some equilibrium and sometimes staggers giving the impression that she is intoxicated.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, advised
SA DUNCAN J. EVERETTE that he has known Governor OTTO
KERNER, JR., since early 1948 when he, [redacted] was an [redacted]
[redacted] He stated he served under OTTO KERNER,
JR., who was the United States Attorney, Chicago, until 1954,
when the latter was elected judge of Cook County Court. He
stated that he has always known OTTO KERNER, JR., to be an
honorable person who is "carefully honest" and always wanted
the same of individuals in his office. He stated that while
OTTO KERNER, JR., was judge of Cook County Court he believes
he appeared before him at least twice but that OTTO KERNER,
JR., appointed him guardian ad litem of many children's cases
appearing before him. He stated that all these appointments
were made on a non-political basis which was typical of the
manner in which OTTO KERNER, JR., served as a judge. He
stated that OTTO KERNER, JR., is a man of great integrity,
that he has never heard any derogatory information concerning
him nor his family and their loyalty as citizens is unquestioned.
He stated presently his association with Governor OTTO KERNER,
JR., is on a strictly political basis rather than social such
as receiving invitations to and attending various political
dinners and meetings. He stated he would have no hesitation
in recommending Governor OTTO KERNER to any position the
President desired to appoint him.

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Cook County Judges

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA DUNCAN J. EVERETTE that records reveal that OTTO KERNER, JR., was elected Judge of County Court of Cook County, Chicago, on December 15, 1954, was re-elected in 1958, and served until March 1, 1960, when he resigned his judgeship in order to campaign for Governor of the State of Illinois. [redacted] stated KERNER, JR.'s record as a judge was highly satisfactory and that he personally appeared before KERNER, JR., as an [redacted] and he knows KERNER, JR., to have been a fair and impartial judge. He stated that from his knowledge of KERNER, JR., and the latter's reputation, there is "not even the remotest possibility" of there being anything of an adverse nature regarding his character, reputation, associates and loyalty as a citizen.

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Judge HERBERT R. FRIEDLAND, Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA EVERETTE on August 12, 1964, that he has known Governor KERNER over 20 years; that the Governor's father used to come to the Swedish Club of Chicago while he, Judge FRIEDLAND, was president of this club, and the elder OTTO KERNER was most often accompanied by his son, Governor KERNER. He stated they became very good friends from this association. He stated he knows Governor KERNER had very successful tenures of office as the United States Attorney and as the Judge of Cook County Court prior to being elected Governor of Illinois. He stated he was not a judge in Cook County during the time Governor KERNER was a judge but he did practice law before KERNER. He stated Governor KERNER has been successful in every respect; that he is a man of outstanding background. He described Governor KERNER as "a fine man", "a stand-up guy", "a gentleman at all times", "not wishy-washy", and "won't back down in the face of difficulty". He stated that Governor KERNER is a man who "will do what his conscience tells him to do". He

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further advised that in all the years he has known Governor KERNER he has never known anything of an adverse nature regarding his family, his character, reputation, honesty, associates, conduct and loyalty as a citizen. He added that he would recommend Governor KERNER for any position to which the President considered appointing him. He also added he made this recommendation without any reservation.

On August 12, 1964, Judge RICHARD HAREWCOD, Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA EVERETTE he was elected a judge in the above court in April, 1962, and has known Governor OTTO KERNER since the latter was the United States Attorney in Chicago. He stated he practiced law before Governor KERNER when the latter was the County Judge of Cook County prior to his being elected Governor of Illinois. He stated he thought an inquiry into the background of Governor KERNER for the White House "is nonsensical"; that "he was the United States chief attorney in Chicago for years and he must have had a clearance". He further stated that during all the time he has known Governor KERNER he has never known anything unfavorable about him. He also stated Governor KERNER is a man of unquestioned character, reputation, honesty, associates and loyalty as a citizen.

On August 12, 1964, Judge THADDEUS ADESKO, Presiding Judge of Cook County Circuit Court, advised SA EVERETTE he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., for approximately 20 years and that the latter was a judge of the County Court of Cook County until he resigned in 1960 in order to run for Governor of the State of Illinois. He stated that he, Judge ADESKO, was elected to fill the unexpired term of OTTO KERNER, JR., and was re-elected in 1962. He stated that for a period of time they were co-judges in the County Court of Cook County, Chicago, and he knows OTTO KERNER, JR., to be a man of very high caliber and to be honest and impartial. He stated he would recommend OTTO KERNER, JR., "100%" as to character, reputation, associates, conduct and loyalty as a citizen. He

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stated that during all the years he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., he has never known anything of an adverse nature regarding him.

On August 12, 1964, Judge HAROLD G. WARD, Acting Chief Judge and Presiding Judge, Law Division, Circuit Court of Cook County, advised SA EVERETTE that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., since approximately 1940 and knew the latter's father, OTTO KERNER, SR. He stated he has had a close personal association with OTTO KERNER, JR., especially while the latter was Judge of County Court of Cook County. He stated that at that time he, Judge WARD, was Chief Justice of the Superior Court. He stated he has had a very limited personal contact with OTTO KERNER, JR., since he became Governor of the State of Illinois, but that he knows Governor KERNER continues to be a very high class individual, "honest as they make them" and "well spoken of". He stated Governor KERNER did a very fine job as a judge and that he is a "first rate and perfect gentleman". He stated he has met Governor KERNER's wife once or twice and from his knowledge of the Governor's father, OTTO KERNER, SR., he knows them all to be very fine persons and all of good reputation. He further stated he would never question Governor KERNER's character, honesty, associates and loyalty to the United States. He further added he would recommend Governor KERNER for a position of trust and responsibility without any hesitation.

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Affiliation

On August 11, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] American Bar Association Headquarters, 1155 East 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that her membership files reflect that OTTO KERNER, Jr., born August 15, 1908, Chicago, Illinois, was elected to membership May 13, 1948, and is presently a member in good standing. She said her files reflect that KERNER was admitted to practice before the Illinois Bar in 1934. She said there were no grievances filed against him. She said that the current address reflected for KERNER is the Governor's Executive Mansion, Springfield, Illinois. ✓

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On August 11, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted], American Bar Foundation, 1155 East 60th Street, advised SA [redacted] that she can suggest no one at the American Bar Foundation or American Bar Association Headquarters who would be personally acquainted with Governor OTTO KERNER.

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Chicago Bar Association (CBA)
29 South La Salle
Chicago, Illinois

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the records of her office reflect the following information: ✓

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The appointee, who was born August 15, 1908, at Chicago, Illinois, was elected to membership in the CBA on September 18, 1936, and he has been a member in good standing continuously since that time, including five years military service. He has served on numerous committees of the CBA, including the Constitutional Revisions Committee, Adoption Laws Committee, Legislative Committee, Medico - Legal Relations Committee, Admissions Committee and Grievance Committee.

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The appointee was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois on June 14, 1934. He has been engaged in the private practice of law, has served as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, was recommended by the CBA as a judge in the Cook County Court, and was elected to that position. He is presently governor of the State of Illinois.

The appointee had entered active military service when the National Guard Unit of which he was a member was activated in 1941. During his military service the appointee is reported to have been awarded the Soldier's Medal, a Bronze Star, a Commendation Medal and a Presidential Citation.

[redacted] said the grievance records of the CBA contain no information concerning the appointee.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted]
with the firm of [redacted]
[redacted] Illinois, furnished the
following information to SA [redacted]

He was employed by the CBA for twenty years and served as executive director of the CBA for twelve years. He recently resigned to enter the private practice of law. He has not been associated with the appointee socially except for Bar Association gatherings, but has known him professionally for many years. He has known the appointee as United States Attorney, County Judge, CBA committee member and chairman of committees at the CBA. All of [redacted] contacts with the appointee have been favorable.

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While the appointee was serving as County Judge, the CBA sent a questionnaire to over 8,000 members of the CBA. The questionnaire asked for ratings of the members of

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the judicial systems in Cook County. The questionnaire asked for the CBA members' rating of their confidence in each judge's integrity, their rating of each judge's diligence, judicial temperament and judicial ability. When the poll was completed the appointee had received a score of over 90 which was the highest score received among all of the judges included in the poll, and which [] considers to represent an exceptionally high score.

As a chairman of CBA committees, the appointee actually ran his committee. He attended the meetings of the committee and was interested in the subjects being considered by the committee.

[] has a high regard for the appointee. He considers him to be an honest, dependable, trustworthy person of high ideals, integrity and moral character. The appointee is a strong individual with his own ideas and opinions. He is a leader of a political party in Chicago and as such is closely associated with the Mayor of Chicago, RICHARD DALEY. He and Mayor DALEY have many of the same ideas and purposes, but the appointee will stand on his own ideals and integrity and will do what he believes is correct.

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[] said that the appointee has an excellent personal background and there is no question about his loyalty to the United States.

[] said that he has met the appointee's wife on a few occasions, but he does not know her personally.

[] said that the appointee is a mature, responsible person, who will exercise good judgment and discretion, and he has no reservations about recommending the appointee for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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Federal Judges

On August 13, 1964, the Honorable J. SAM PERRY, Judge, United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., since his return from military service in 1946. He said he and KERNER were in a refresher course in law by a private tutor together. He said KERNER as United States Attorney ran a very clean, efficient, honorable office surrounding himself with highly qualified men of high moral integrity. He said he is an excellent administrator and lawyer and did a remarkable job. He said KERNER was highly regarded as a judge of Cook County, Illinois, and ran his court with dignity and honor.

Judge PERRY stated that he knew KERNER, SR., and has known the family casually. When KERNER's step-daughter was killed he adopted her children to raise them in the standards he desired and did not receive any objections from the estranged father who had never accepted parental responsibility.

Judge PERRY said he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning Governor KERNER, but that his wife has something of a mental problem which manifests itself in over-indulgence and excessive drinking.

Judge PERRY said he highly recommends KERNER for any position for which he may be considered.

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Federal Judge JAMES BENTON PARSONS on August 13, 1964, advised SA JOSEPH R. SHEA he met Governor OTTO KERNER and his wife in October, 1951, at which time KERNER was United States Attorney. Some two months later he was appointed to be an Assistant United States Attorney and then worked for KERNER. KERNER as United States Attorney was sincere in handling of cases and wanted and strove for perfection in all of them. He instilled confidence in his men and was the type who would back his men completely if he felt the man was doing his work. It is his opinion there was not a United States Attorney since, who has had the respect of his men as did KERNER. He kept a "sharp office". He was a good organizer. He was not above trying a case himself.

KERNER then became a County Judge and held this position from about 1954 to 1960. He immediately reorganized the clerk's office and instituted a study of mental health which he has carried on to date.

KERNER has great legal talent. His father was Judge of the 7th Circuit and was also Attorney General for the State of Illinois. He also married the daughter of ANTON CERMAK, former Mayor of Chicago.

In 1960, KERNER was asked by Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY of Chicago to run for Governor of Illinois. At this time he, Judge PARSONS, was campaigning for Judge of the Superior Court. They were together on campaign platforms at least 20 times during this time. KERNER exhibited great personal charms. Subsequently KERNER was elected Governor of Illinois. It is political heresy that the "tail in Springfield is wagged by the

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head" in Chicago. In his opinoin, this is not true. KERNER is a person who believes "good government is good politics", and he would not be imposed on by anyone. KERNER appointed him, Judge PARSONS, to be Co-Chairman of the Illinois Exhibit at the World's Fair in New York City and stated the "state would be represented by human values, not commercial".

KERNER will partake of a cocktail but is very careful in this regard. He is dignified at all times. His, Judge PARSONS', wife, is completely crazy about KERNER. KERNER has a great personal magnetism and has not, to his knowledge, created enemies. He is also a prudent man.

It is his opinion that KERNER's stature and potential has not even begun to be tapped, yet, that which has, has made him a tremendous power in the United States.

He knows of nothing derogatory regarding KERNER's devotion to this country, noting he is a Brigadier General in the Illinois National Guard, as well as, he believes, a Colonel in the United States Army. He has no question of KERNER's integrity or moral character and would recommend him for any high level governmental position without any reservations.

As noted earlier he has known Mrs. KERNER since October, 1951, and has met her or been in contact with her on at least 20 different occasions.

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She has always been very dignified but is slightly retreating. She has a knack for pretending "not to know" when people are trying to use her to reach the Governor but actually has an acute awareness of the workings of the Government.

He has heard Mrs. KERNER uses intoxicants but has no knowledge of this and when he has seen her she has always been quite sober and quite dignified.

On August 14, 1964, the Honorable WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL, Chief Judge, United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, advised SAC MARLIN W. JOHNSON that he has known Governor KERNER for a good many years and in his position as a Federal Judge was able to observe KERNER operate as the United States Attorney (USA) for Northern Illinois during the late 1940's and early 1950's. He stated the Governor performed a very efficient job as USA and operated that office in a fine manner. He advised that some persons felt KERNER should have tried more cases himself during his tenure in that office, but that he, Judge CAMPBELL, did not mean this as criticism of KERNER but only the opinion of some persons at the time.

Judge CAMPBELL advised he had absolutely no reason to, in any way, question Governor KERNER's integrity, moral conduct, honesty or loyalty. He stated the Governor does have a problem with Mrs. KERNER, who is reportedly an alcoholic, which forces the Governor to make excuses for the absence of Mrs. KERNER at public affairs. Despite this, Judge CAMPBELL advised he has no indication of the lack of excellent moral structure on the part of the Governor himself.

Judge CAMPBELL further stated that before he could completely recommend the Governor as to his ability to fill a particular position, he, Judge CAMPBELL, would have to know what position was involved. He stated further, however, that if, as the newspapers, have indicated, the Governor is being considered for a position involving military or defense matters, he would give Governor KERNER his highest recommendation because of the Governor's military background.

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Miscellaneous

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] United States Steel Corporation, 208 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., for about [redacted] years as a west suburban resident and through an acquaintance with OTTO KERNER, SR.. [redacted] said he [redacted] with the KERNERS in the Fall of 1963 and considers them to be unquestionably loyal Americans. He said Mr. KERNER did great credit to the United States while in Europe. He stated KERNER is a person of great character, reputation, morals and associates of whom he knows nothing unfavorable. He stated Mrs. KERNER sometimes in his opinion, drinks to excess. He said he knows of no physical defect concerning her. He stated that in public both Mr. and Mrs. KERNER are very cautious regarding any drinking on her part.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., for about fifteen years as a member of the opposing political party. He said he regards KERNER as an unquestionably loyal American of excellent character, reputation, morals and associates. He said he believes KERNER to be personally honest with excellent integrity and an outstanding citizen. [redacted] stated that it is common knowledge that Mrs. KERNER has a reputation for excessive drinking but that he has no personal knowledge or observation of her. Regarding Mr. KERNER's conduct in public office as United States Attorney, Cook County Judge and Governor of Illinois, [redacted]. [redacted] said he does not understand how he as a responsible official did not take a more positive stand on the obvious criminal element infesting the area and the monstrous vote frauds which were scandalizing Chicago. He said Mr. KERNER's lack of initiative in these and other matters earned him the name "Vacillating Otto" in Republican Party circles.

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[] said that he has great compassion for KERNER due to his wife's reputation and concurrent admiration and respect for him in that he has been able to succeed in spite of her, tries desperately to control her and has remained with her. He said that he recommends KERNER for any position for which he is selected if such position does not place his wife in public appearances.

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The following information is contained on page 1084, "Who's Who in America," volume 33, 1964-65:

"Kerner, Otto, governor of Ill.; b. Chgo., Aug. 15, 1908; s. Otto and Rose Barbara (Chmelik) K.; A.B., Brown Univ., 1930; student Trinity Coll., Cambridge Univ., Eng., 1930-31; J.D., Northwestern U., 1934; hon. degrees, Brown U., Northwestern U., St. Procopius Coll., Lincoln Coll., Quincy College, McKendree College; m. Helena I. Cermak, Oct. 29, 1934; children--Anton J.C., Helena C. Admitted to Illinois bar, 1934; was associated with Cooke, Sullivan, and Ricks, May-Dec. 1934; became partner Kerner, Jaros and Tittle, law firm, 1935; U.S. dist. atty. for Northern Dist. of Ill. 1947-54; county judge Cook County, Ill., 1954-61; gov. of Ill., 1961--. Vice Chgo. council, mem. 7th regional exec. council Boy Scouts Am.; dir. Bohemian Charitable Assn., Glenview United Fund, Cancer and Red Cross Funds. Mem. Chgo. Crime Prevention Council, 1950-53. Trustee Brown U. Mem. Ill. N.G., 106th Cav., 1934-36; trans. to F.A., 1936, advancing from pvt. to capt., 1941, in active service, 1941-46, with 9th Inf. Div., ETO, and with 32nd Inf. Div., PTO, ret. as maj. gen. Decorated Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Ribbon, Presdl. Unit Citation (34th F.A. Bn.). Mem. Am. (alternate del. 1948), Fed., Ill., Chgo. bar assns., Bohemian Lawyers and West Suburban bar assns., Am. Judicature Soc. Mil. Order World War (1st vice comdr. 1946-47), Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Phi. Democrat. Mason (Shriner), Nat.

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Sojourner, Red Cross of Constantine, Moose, Odd Fellow,
Royal Arcanum. Clubs: Commonwealth, Chicago, Brown,
Wayfarers, Legal, Law, North Shore Country (Chgo.).
Home: 750 Glendale Dr., Glenview, Ill. Office: State
Capitol, Springfield, Ill.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted] Chicago Crime Commission, 79 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., since just prior to 1947, when he became United States Attorney. He stated in his opinion KERNER was not a strong, "crusading type" United States Attorney but performed an honorable job and was not lacadaisical in his performance. He said he has not had any social contact with KERNER but regards him as an unquestionably loyal American of excellent character, reputation and associates. He said he has never heard anything of an adverse nature concerning Governor or Mrs. KERNER and recommends him for any position for which he might be appointed.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted] advised SA GERHARD MAISEL that he has known Governor KERNER for about the past 25 years. He said that he was distantly related to the Governor since [redacted]

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[redacted] He advised that he sees Mr. KERNER on almost a weekly basis socially. He said that he knows of absolutely nothing derogatory about him which would preclude him from performing in any type of sensitive government position. He said that he was aware that on occasion the Governor's wife drank to excess, but he did not think this would in any way interfere with the performance of the Governor's duties in whatever position he might be considered for.

He said that he would recommend Mr. KERNER highly for any government position.

On August 12, 1964, [redacted] advised that she is Governor OTTO KERNER's [redacted]. She said that she was formerly married to [redacted] and was divorced. She said her father, OTTO KERNER, SR., is deceased as is her sister, ROSE KERNER ICKES. She stated her mother, ROSE BARBARA KERNER, resides at 7210 Oak in River Forest, Illinois.

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[redacted] Illinois Central Railroad, Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., for about 40 years having met through affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America, Chicago Executive Council. He said that by law, KERNER, as the Governor of the State of Illinois, is an automatic member of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad. [redacted] said that he regards KERNER as an unquestionably loyal American of excellent character, reputation, morals and associates. He said he believes KERNER'S performance and conduct of responsibility in public office have been excellent.

He stated that on several occasions he has seen Mrs. KERNER drink alcoholic beverages, in his opinion, to excess.

[redacted] stated that he is politically opposed to OTTO KERNER, but highly recommends him for any position for which he may be considered, "in spite of his wife's occasional excessive drinking."

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On August 14, 1964, The Honorable RICHARD J. DALEY, Mayor, City of Chicago, advised that he has known OTTO KERNER, JR., for 25 to 30 years and his parents prior to him, when OTTO KERNER, SR., was Attorney General of Illinois. He stated he regards KERNER, JR., as an unquestionably loyal American and a distinguished American citizen. He said KERNER, JR., enjoys an excellent reputation both personally and as a public official. Mayor DALEY described KERNER, JR., as a honest, concientious, sincere dedicated public official who has made a great record as Governor of Illinois and of whom he knows nothing unfavorable. He said he highly recommends Governor KERNER for any position of trust and integrity.

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[redacted] Glenview, Illinois, advised on August 12, 1964, he had several contacts with Governor KERNER during the latter's residence in Glenview, these contacts being of a business nature as well as occasional meetings at public functions in the community.

[redacted] stated he holds Governor KERNER in high esteem due to the Governor's interest and participation in local community matters such as the Glenview United Fund Drive.

[redacted] added that he could not recall that Governor KERNER had any close friends in the immediate area, apparently drawing his associates from Chicago. He stated he is confident the Governor is loyal to the United States and it has been his firm belief that the Governor is a man of excellent moral character and reputation.

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On August 13, 1964, [REDACTED]
North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois, advised
SA ROBERT F. PEVAHOUSE that he has known Governor
KERNER personally for the past [REDACTED] KERNER
has held a social membership at this club since 1956
and a golf membership since 1957. He is presently a
non resident member. He considers Governor KERNER to
be an outstanding individual who presents an excellent
appearance and has the ability to make friends and carry
on interesting conversations with everyone he meets.
He is of excellent character and associates with people
of good character. There would be no reason whatsoever
to question his loyalty. The only possible detriment
to Governor KERNER is a problem he understands he has
with his wife's drinking alcoholic beverages. He only
met her upon one occasion at which time it was a public
appearance and she was intoxicated. He would recommend
Governor KERNER for a position of trust and confidence
with the United States Government.

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On August 17, 1964, Mr. BENJAMIN ADAMOWSKI, attorney, 2524 South Blue Island Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, former Republican State's Attorney, Cook County, Illinois, advised that he had known OTTO KERNER, Sr. since 1930 and became acquainted with KERNER, Jr. when he was United States Attorney. Mr. ADAMOWSKI said he regards KERNER, Jr. as an unquestionably loyal American of excellent character, reputation, morals and associates. He stated that in his opinion Mr. KERNER has been a very good public servant as United States Attorney, Cook County Judge and Governor of Illinois. He described KERNER as a very decent, honorable person of whom he knows nothing unfavorable. He said Mrs. KERNER was reportedly the childhood sweetheart of KERNER, and married FLOYD KENLAY, they were divorced and KERNER then married her about 30 years ago. He said he has heard rumor to the effect that Mrs. KERNER drinks to excess, but that he has seen her on at least a dozen social occasions and observed her to be entirely ladylike at all times.

Mr. ADAMOWSKI said he highly recommends Governor KERNER for any position for which he may be considered.

On August 13, 1964, Circuit Court Judge PHILIP W. YAGER, Lake County Court House, Waukegan, Illinois, advised S. [redacted] as follows:

He first met Governor KERNER when both were students at Northwestern University Law School in the early 1930's. He believes that Governor KERNER, a member of the same fraternity and social group, graduated in 1933 whereas he graduated in 1934. He next was in contact with Governor KERNER when he, Judge YAGER, was employed in the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., from 1946 to 1953. In 1948 he had been placed in charge of veterans housing frauds throughout all of the United States and met Governor KERNER on three or four occasions in this connection since Governor KERNER was then United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. Governor KERNER had some ideas involving failure to place transfer stamps on deeds in connection with these frauds and there were a series of conferences as to what could be done.

Judge YAGER returned to Lake County in 1953 and had little contact with Governor KERNER until the latter ran for Governor at which time he helped the local organization of Citizens for KERNER. He has seen him many times socially since then and has always had the highest regard for the Governor's integrity and honesty. He has no particular information concerning the financial status of Governor KERNER but understands the resources of the Governor and his wife are more than sufficient for their wants.

Governor KERNER appointed him to the bench to fill the position vacated by the now Federal District Judge BERNARD C. DECKER, Northern District of Illinois. He had not personally sought this position from the Governor and, of course, was highly gratified when it was offered to him.

In keeping with the Governor's nature, there were no strings attached. He would recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility without reservation.

Judge YAGER stated that there is one matter that probably should be discussed. He has heard stories over the years that Mrs. KERNER drinks to excess. He personally has

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never witnessed her intoxicated but believes that the Governor controls her beautifully when or if she is in such a condition. This is the Governor's cross to bear. However, the women that know her love her and think she is wonderful.

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
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[redacted] Illinois, who is
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SA MC QUEEN as follows:

He first met Governor KERNER in 1937 when he, [redacted] was [redacted] in connection with litigation involving some [redacted] in Lake County. KERNER impressed him as an extremely alert, highly ethical young lawyer. Shortly thereafter, he, Governor KERNER and Mrs. KERNER went to South America together by chance. [redacted] had passed away and he had booked passage to South America via a ship from New York. He found the KERNERS aboard taking the same tour. He spent a month with them. They were constantly together. At this time he was impressed with the constantly gentlemanly behavior of Governor KERNER as well as his even temper, good judgment, and complete integrity. The litigation continued for a year and the case was taken to the Supreme Court. During the course of the litigation, there was increased contact with the now Governor.

In 1938 [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. KERNER traveled to the Hawaiian Islands together by design. They took a cottage there and lived together for several weeks. He was again impressed by the gentlemanly behavior, calm judgment and integrity of the Governor. He said these are the things that you get to appreciate when you are thrown closely into association with a person.

From then on they were in social contact until Governor KERNER entered the military service during World War II where he had an enviable record but since then there has been less contact because of KERNER's political and office responsibilities.

[redacted] has been a lifelong Republican, but when Governor KERNER ran for the position he spoke for him out of conviction. [redacted] said that the people had always wanted

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people of integrity in high office regardless of Party and here was a situation where a man of integrity, ability, and judgment was available. He, therefore, spoke for him and strongly approves him for any position of trust and responsibility.

With regard to Mrs. KERNER, he has heard time and time again over the years that she drinks to excess. He believes that he knows her better than most; knows her as a social drinker only, and has observed no difference in her conduct from 1938 up to the last six months.

She is a fine person and he has never, in all his experience, had the feeling she was intoxicated. She sometimes gives that appearance without having had a drink. He believes this is because she is hard of hearing. She tries to read lips and respond and when she misinterprets she may give the wrong response leading to the suggestion that she is intoxicated.

On August 17, 1934, IC [REDACTED] checked the records of Circuit Court of Cook County and located the record of divorce Docket Number 226874 which reflects on May 16, 1933, a bill for divorce was filed by plaintiff VERLINA C. KENDALL, defendant FLOYD M. WILLIAMS, noting that they were married May 28, 1926, at Covington, Indiana, and that MARY ALICE, age two and one half, is the only child as a result of this union. The bill reflects the charge of extreme and repeated cruelty in that the defendant struck and abused her causing great pain and anguish.

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On June 2, 1933, the defendant filed denial of charges and a decree for divorce was entered June 14, 1933, and the marriage was dissolved, alimony and support were waived, and she received custody of the minor child.

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Newspaper Articles

[] The following information was obtained by SA []
[] on August 13, 1964, at the Chicago Tribune Newspaper
Library for the dates indicated:

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On July 2, 1937, an article reflects the announcement of the wedding of Miss ROSE LILLIAN KERNER to PHILLIP F. ICKE.

On September 6, 1961, an article reflects that Governor KERNER will leave Springfield tomorrow to attend the funeral of a sister, Mrs. PHILLIP ICKE, 45, who died yesterday in Ouray, Colorado. She is the former ROSE KERNER. She leaves her husband, an attorney, a son PHILLIP, a student at University of Colorado, her mother, Mrs. OTTO KERNER, SR., and a sister, Mrs. EDWIN CARTER of River Forest, Illinois.

On January 23, 1939, an article reflects that Judge and Mrs. OTTO KERNER of River Forest, Illinois, announce the engagement of their daughter, MAY ROBERTA, to NORMAN BAILEY LEWIS, JR., of River Forest.

On June 9, 1937, an article reflects that Judge EDMUND K. JARECKI yesterday signed a decree permitting Attorney OTTO KERNER, JR., son of the Illinois Attorney General, and his wife Mrs. HELENA CERMAK KERNER, to adopt her daughter, MARY ALYCE KENLAY, 6½ years old. Attorney FLOYD M. KENLAY, Mrs. KERNER's former husband, agreed to the adoption.

On September 16, 1947, an article reflects that the marriage last June 27 of Miss MARY ALYCE KERNER, 17, adopted daughter of United States Attorney OTTO KERNER, JR., 219 E. Lake Shore Drive to ANDERS J. CHRISTENSEN, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. CLARENCE CHRISTENSEN of Milwaukee, was announced yesterday. The former Miss KERNER is Mrs. KERNER's daughter by a former marriage. She is the granddaughter of the late Mayor ANTON J. CERMAK.

On September 11, 1953, an article reflects that OTTO KERNER, JR., United States Attorney, and his wife HELENA adopted two of their grandchildren yesterday in County Court. The children, ANDERS CHRISTENSEN, 5, and HELENA CHRISTENSEN, 3, are the children of the KERNERS' adopted daughter, Mrs.

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MARY CHRISTENSEN, 22, who was killed in an automobile accident July 18 near Milwaukee. Mrs. CHRISTENSEN was divorced from her husband ANDERS CHRISTENSEN, 25, a Milwaukee furrier. CHRISTENSEN consented to the adoption. The court order provided that the children's names be changed to KERNER.

On December 6, 1954, an article captioned, "Kerner Retires from Guard to Become Judge" reflects that Brigadier General OTTO KERNER, JR., commander of the 33rd Division Artillery of the Illinois National Guard has retired with the rank of Major General, it was learned yesterday....He will be inducted this morning as the newly elected County Judge. State law prohibits a commissioned officer from holding public office. It also prevented KERNER, as a judge, from transferring to the Army reserve. ✓

KERNER, 46, joined the guard as a Private in the Black Horse Troop in April, 1933. He transferred to the artillery in 1936 and became an officer in 1937. He went on active duty with the division in 1941. During World War II he saw combat with the 9th Division in Africa and Sicily and with other units in the Pacific, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In 1946, after returning to private life, he rejoined the reorganized guard as a Colonel.

On October 29, 1954, an article captioned, "Mannion Raps Kerner as Lax on Vote Frauds," reflects that WILLIAM J. MANNION, Republican candidate for County Judge, said last night that his Democratic opponent OTTO KERNER had one chance to clean up election frauds and doesn't deserve another.

"When he was TRUMAN'S inactive district attorney he never interfered, although election day scandals were obvious violations of the federal law," MANNION said. "That's why the Democratic big shots slated him for county judge; in charge of the election machinery."

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On October 8, 1960, an article captioned "U.S. to Probe Charge KERNER Swayed Jury" reflects that the United States Attorney's Office opened an investigation yesterday of charges that OTTO KERNER, Democratic nominee for governor, sought to convince a federal grand jury investigating hoodlums that there is no crime syndicate.

ROBERT TIEKEN, the chief federal prosecutor here, said his staff will examine the records of the grand jury which sat 13 months beginning in 1947 and eventually voted an indictment against TONY ACCARDO, then crime syndicate chief.

HELEN DORMITZER, a member of that jury, told an audience of supporters of Governor STRATTON that KERNER, as United States Attorney, had lectured the grand jury "that there is no such thing as organized or syndicated crime." She also charged that the jury was kept in session for 13 months, until after the 1948 Presidential and state election, so that prison records of four top crime syndicate hoodlums could be kept out of the hands of a congressional subcommittee probing the parole of the hoodlums.

Tribune, November 3, 1960

"STRATTON Rips Foe in Chicago Vote Stealing"

Governor STRATTON closed his downstate campaign for re-election today by branding his Democratic opponent as a political "yes man" who was head of Cook County's election machinery when the worst vote stealing in Chicago history took place.

STRATTON also said that OTTO KERNER, the Democratic nominee, when U. S. Attorney for Northern Illinois, had reported to the TRUMAN administration that "he could not find crime or corruption in Chicago."

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On October 16, 1959, an article captioned "Upset Judge KERNER in Vote Fraud Case" reflects that the Illinois Appellate Court Thursday reversed conviction of five 1st ward election judges charged with vote fraud in a special election in 1957. The court ruled that Judge OTTO KERNER of Cook County Court was in error for failing to disqualify himself as judge after he had expressed an opinion showing he was prejudiced in the case, which resulted in contempt of court convictions of GEORGE SCOTT, WILLIE WHEAT, and Mrs. NORMA JOHNSON, Democratic election judges and Mrs. MARY EVANS and Mrs. WILLIE LEE WINTERS, Republican judges.

The opinion cited a remark made by KERNER January 18, 1958, saying, "You cause criticism of our ability to run an honest election. You make me bow my head in shame....I have to depend on persons like you and you let me down."

On November 10, 1961, an article reflects that Governor and Mrs. OTTO KERNER failed to pay personal property taxes on their summer home near Antioch in 1956, 1957 and 1958, State's Attorney BRUNO W. STANCZAK of Lake County disclosed yesterday. The home was left to Mrs. KERNER by her father. Governor KERNER said a protest had been filed because the personal property levy on the home's furnishings was unreasonably high.

On August 17, 1964, Assistant States Attorney ALEX RAFFERTY, III, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, advised SA MC QUEEN as follows:

States Attorney BRUNO STANCZAK is away and he does not know the details concerning the press release of November, 1961, with regard to failure to pay personal property tax on the part of Governor KERNER; however, that was the period in which there was a drive by that office to collect personal property tax from everyone.

Mr. RAFFERTY said that he is the Assistant States Attorney assigned to personal property tax matters and a thorough review of their records reflects that Governor and Mrs. KERNER have paid and do not owe any personal property tax in Lake County. No details were available as to the question of whether or not Governor KERNER had protested their assessment for 1956, 1957 and 1958.

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Credit and Arrest

On August 13, 1964, [REDACTED]
Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Chicago, Illinois,
advised IC [REDACTED] that she has the
following information in the credit bureau records
regarding OTTO and HELENA KERNER:

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A report dated April 13, 1935, reflects that
OTTO KERNER, Jr. is married and resides with his wife,
HELENA, at 2348 South Millard Avenue, renting an apartment
at this address since about 1934.

The records indicate that KERNER was married to
Mrs. HELENA KENLAY, daughter of the late Mayor ANTON J.
CERMAK, in October, 1934.

The report reflects that he is employed as an
attorney and has been practicing his profession for the
past one and one-half to two years, and deriving a
comfortable income from this source.

KERNER's father, OTTO KERNER, Sr., has been an
attorney in Chicago since 1905, and was a former judge
of the Appellate Court for a number of years and Attorney
General of Illinois. The report reflects that OTTO KERNER, Jr.
has taken over a considerable portion of his father's former
business practice.

A newspaper clipping in the file, not identifiable,
captioned "Mrs. Helena Kenlay Becomes Bride of Otto Kerner's
Son," reflects that "Mrs. HELENA KENLAY, youngest daughter
of the late Mayor ANTON J. CERMAK, was married at 11 A.M.
today to OTTO KERNER, Jr., son of the attorney general.
The marriage took place in the summer home of Mrs. KENLAY's
brother-in-law, Senator R. V. GRAHAM, at Antioch, Illinois.

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"The bridegroom is 26 years old and a practicing attorney. Mrs. KENLAY, who is 28 years old, was divorced from FLOYD KENLAY, then an assistant attorney general, last June. The couple had been separated for several months.

The bride's first marriage was the result of a campus romance at the University of Illinois, where she and her first husband were students. They are the parents of a three-year-old daughter. "

A report dated February 10, 1937, reflects that KERNER is identified with the firm of Kerner, Jaros, and Tittle, and continues to reside at 2348 South Millard Avenue. Investigation reflects locally they are highly regarded as to character and habits.

A report dated March 28, 1938, reflects that OTTO KERNER, Jr. has a substantial volume of business and good connections politically and socially. Mrs. KERNER also has considerable means of her own, and it was rumored that the late Mayor CERMAK left each of his children an estate of \$1,000,000.00.

A report dated October 12, 1943, reflects that the KERNERS reside at 219 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, and that he at that time was reported to be a major in the United States Army, having been in service for the past one and one-half years or more.

A report dated June 23, 1954, reflects that the KERNERS reside at 1335 Astor Street, Chicago, and that from July 8, 1947 until his resignation in February, 1954, Mr. KERNER was reported to be engaged as United States District Attorney at Chicago, and that during the coming fall, 1954, Mr. KERNER expects to receive an appointment as county judge.

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[] stated that all the reports regarding the OTTO KERNER family reflect nothing of an adverse nature concerning his credit and payment practices.

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On August 13, 1964, personnel of the Chicago Police Department, Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago, Illinois, advised IC [] that they have no arrest records available identifiable with OTTO KERNER or HELENA CERMAK, also known as Mrs. OTTO KERNER.

On August 17, 1964, IC [] checked the records of Circuit Court of Cook County and located the record of divorce Docket Number B26874 which reflects on May 16, 1933, a bill for divorce was filed by plaintiff HELENA C. KENLAY, defendant FLOYD M. KENLAY, noting that they were married May 28, 1926, at Covington, Indiana, and that MARY ALYCE, age two and one half, is the only child as a result of this union. The bill reflects the charge of extreme and repeated cruelty in that the defendant struck and abused her causing great pain and anguish.

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On June 2, 1933, the defendant filed denial of charges and a decree for divorce was entered June 14, 1933, and the marriage was dissolved, alimony and support were waived, and she received custody of the minor child.

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FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF KERNER IDENTIFIED IN
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FATHER, OTTO KERNER, SR., BORN EIGHTEEN EIGHTY FOUR
DECEASED. MOTHER, ROSE KERNER, NEE CHMELEK, AKA
MRS. OTTO KERNER, SR., BORN LISON, BOHEMIA, EUROPE,
RESIDED RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS. WIFE, HELEN KERNER,
NEE CERMAK, AKA MRS. FLOYD M. KENLAY, AGE THIRTY TWO IN
NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. SISTER, ROSE LILLIAM KERNER,
BORN NINETEEN SIXTEEN, DECEASED, AKA MRS. PHILIP ICKE,
OURAY, COLORADO. [REDACTED]

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RESIDES [REDACTED] STEP DAUGHTER, MARY ALYCE
KENLAY KERNER, AKA MRS. ANDERS J. CHRISTENSEN, DECEASED,
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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis: EDWARD V. HANRAHAN, United States Attorney, Chicago, Ill., interviewed St. Petersburg, Florida, 8/14/64. Has known Governor KERNER five years as Cook County, Illinois, County Judge and as Governor of Illinois. Recommended highly for any position of trust and confidence.

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DETAILS:

On August 14, 1964, Mr. EDWARD V. HANRAHAN, United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at 5061 48th Avenue - Terrace North, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Mr. HANRAHAN said that he has known Governor KERNER for five years as County Judge, Cook County, Illinois, and as Governor of the State of Illinois. Until March, 1964, Mr. HANRAHAN was First Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois under the administration of Governor KERNER. His professional and social contacts with the Governor were limited but he knows KERNER to have an excellent reputation as a prosecutor, judge and governor. He has demonstrated extraordinary legal and administrative abilities and is known to Mr. HANRAHAN to be an entirely loyal American of excellent character and associates.

Mr. HANRAHAN recommended Governor KERNER highly for any position of trust and confidence.

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Synopsis:

Justice Department employment 1947 to 1954 verified by service record card. Personnel, White House Office, advised KERNER appointed to National Civil Defense Advisory Council on 8/6/64. Former associate, [REDACTED] recommends; mentioned appointee's wife an alcoholic. U.S. Senators from Illinois recommend. Passport issued in 1963. Federal Bar Association Membership and admittance to practice before U.S. Supreme Court verified. No record HCUA.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.EMPLOYMENTSDepartment of Justice

On August 12, 1964, SA [REDACTED] reviewed the service record card regarding OTTO KERNER at the Personnel Office, Administrative Division, Department of Justice, which listed his birth as August 15, 1908, place not shown, and verified the following employment:

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7/8/47 Entered on duty as United States Attorney,
Northern District of Illinois, Chicago,
Illinois

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No additional pertinent information was contained on the card.

The White House

On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] The White House Office, advised SA GEORGE E. SAUNDERS that the files of her office contained no record regarding the appointee.

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On August 12, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] The White House Office, advised SA SAUNDERS that KERNER on August 6, 1964, was appointed a member of the National Civil Defense Advisory Council (NCDAC) and his term was to expire on January 12, 1967. He added that the NCDAC is administered by the Office of Emergency Planning and his records contained no additional pertinent information concerning KERNER.

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National Civil Defense Advisory Council

On August 14, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted], Personnel Branch, Office of Emergency Planning (OEP), Executive Office of the President, advised SA JOSEPH W. SPEICHER that no personnel file had yet been set up for the appointee. She made available a copy of a letter to the appointee from the Director, OEP, dated August 7, 1964, informing Governor KERNER that the Commission signed by the President appointing him to the NCDAC for a three-year term was being forwarded the same day under separate cover. [redacted] advised that her office had no further information concerning KERNER.

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On August 14, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] OEP, Executive Office of the President, advised SA SPEICHER that she could locate no record for the appointee in her office. She mentioned that appointments to the NCDAC were handled by The White House.

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On August 13, 1964, [redacted]
[redacted] Public Housing Administration, advised he first met the appointee in April, 1958, when he [redacted] to the County Clerk, [redacted] Cook County, Illinois. He said at that time the appointee was a County Judge in Cook County,

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Illinois; and he was closely associated with him until he was elected Governor of Illinois in [redacted]. He mentioned that he had been active in politics in Illinois for a number of years and continued to be acquainted with Governor KERNER until he came to Washington, D. C., in August, 1964. According to [redacted] the appointee's father was a distinguished judge in Illinois and the family enjoyed a favorable reputation to his knowledge. He remarked that the appointee has been a good governor and has done a good job but has had a poor public relations setup and he lacks color.

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He advised that there is no question in his mind concerning the appointee's character, loyalty, associates, or integrity and that everyone has a very high opinion of him. He mentioned that the appointee's wife, HELEN KERNER, was the daughter of former Mayor CERMAK of Chicago, Illinois, who was killed during an assassination attempt on FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. He said the appointee has no children of his own but had adopted two or three children who are his wife's grandchildren by a child from her first marriage.

[redacted] stated that it is known to the appointee's associates that his wife is an alcoholic, and he added that the appointee does not appear with her in public. He stated that Mrs. KERNER is not in an institution but resides with the Governor. In conclusion, he highly recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence. He could furnish no further information concerning the appointee's relatives.

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UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM ILLINOIS

On August 12, 1964, United States Senator PAUL H. DOUGLAS advised SA SAUNDERS that he has known the appointee in political circles and as a personal friend for many years. He remarked that Governor KERNER is highly regarded in the State of Illinois and is an outstanding man in all respects. He said the appointee's character, reputation, and associates are excellent and he is certain there is no question concerning his loyalty to the United States. He recommended the appointee for a position of trust and confidence.

On August 14, 1964, United States Senator EVERETT MC KINLEY DIRKSEN advised SA SAUNDERS that he has known the appointee personally and politically for many years.

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He stated that he and KERNER have been on "opposite sides of the fence" politically, but this was no reflection on him as a person. He related that KERNER is a person of the highest character and enjoys an excellent personal and professional reputation. He said that he has no reason whatever to question his loyalty or associates and he recommended him for appointment to a position of trust.

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On August 17, 1964, IC [] reviewed the file regarding the appointee at the Passport Office, Department of State, which revealed he was born on August 15, 1908, at Chicago, Illinois.

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He was issued passport number D739138 on September 26, 1963, at Chicago, Illinois, for three weeks' travel, by organized tour, to Germany, France, and England for the purpose of "Export Trade." He listed his mailing address as 5th and Jackson Streets, Springfield, Illinois, and his permanent residence as 750 Glendale Drive, Glenview, Illinois.

His parents were listed as OTTO KERNER, who was born in 1884 at Chicago, Illinois, and ROSE KERNER, nee CHMELIK, who was born in 1886 in Austria-Hungary. He indicated he was married on October 22, 1934, to HELENA CERMAK (divorced), who was born on May 22, 1907, at Chicago, Illinois. He requested that his mother, Mrs. OTTO KERNER, SR., 7210 Oak, River Forest, Illinois, be notified in the event of death or accident. No additional pertinent information was contained in the file.

On August 13, 1964, [] Federal Bar Association, advised IC [] that the appointee has been a member of the Federal Bar Association since 1950, exact date not indicated, and is presently in good standing.

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On August 13, 1964, [] Bar Admissions, United States Supreme Court, advised IC [] that KERNER was admitted to practice before the court on March 30, 1936, and is presently in good standing.

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On August 13, 1964, IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the District of Columbia Bar Association and the Lawyers Register and the Committee on Admissions and Grievances at the United States District

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Court for the District of Columbia and no record regarding the appointee was disclosed.

On August 12, 1964, IC [redacted] determined that the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities contained no record regarding the appointee.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (77-19735) (P)

OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

ReButel 8/10/64 and report of SA [redacted]
dated 8/18/64 at Washington, D. C.

On 8/19/64 IC [redacted] reviewed the Army
service record of OTTO KERNER which revealed he was born on
8/15/08 at Chicago, Illinois.

The record revealed he was a member of the Illinois
National Guard in an enlisted status from 4/2/34 until
5/16/37. On 5/17/37 he was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant,
National Guard of Illinois, ASN-0358530. Federal recognition
was extended to him on 6/25/37 to extend from 6/1/37.

He entered on active duty as a Captain on 3/5/41
and was released from active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel
on 3/16/46.

On 12/4/54 his status as a Brigadier General,
National Guard of Illinois, was terminated by reason of
transfer to the State Retired List. As of 12/4/54 he was
a Brigadier General, Army Ready Reserve, and assigned to
the U. S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforced), Illinois.

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His efficiency ratings were favorable. No additional pertinent information was contained in the record.

IC [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission, and was advised on August 19, 1964, that no record was found concerning KERNER.

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On 8/20/64 [] U. S. Secret Service, U. S. Treasury Department, advised SA MAURICE F. DONEGAN, Jr., that the only record of KERNER in the files of her office was miscellaneous correspondence between KERNER and the Secret Service regarding the prosecution of Secret Service cases when he served as United States Attorney at Chicago, Illinois. She said her files contained no additional pertinent information.

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CIA and IRS checks still outstanding.

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REFERENCES: Report of SA EDWARD J. NEHLS dated 8/17/64.
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Report of: SA EDWARD J. NEHLS
Date: 8/21/64

Office: Chicago

Field Office File No.: CG 161-917

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OTTO KERNER

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

OTTO KERNER is member in good standing of Bohemian Lawyers Association, West Suburban Bar Association, and Seventh Circuit Bar Association.

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DETAILS:

Affiliation

Bohemian Lawyers Association
6000 West Cermak
Cicero, Illinois

On August 21, 1964, [REDACTED] advised he has known Governor OTTO KERNER and his wife for [REDACTED]. He said he regards OTTO KERNER as a person of outstanding ability and unquestioned integrity. He said he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning KERNER and recommends him for any position of trust without reservation. [REDACTED] explained that the Bohemian Lawyers Association is a bar group only and has no formal meetings. He said it is a social group and does not have any form of a grievance committee.

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On August 21, 1964, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], said OTTO KERNER was initiated into the Bohemian Lawyers Association in September, 1934 and continues to be a member in good standing.

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Seventh Circuit Bar Association
1212 Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois

On August 21, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that that Association was formed about 15 years ago and that Governor OTTO KERNER was a charter member of the association. He said KERNER continues to be a member in good standing of the approximately 1,000 member body. He said KERNER has never held an office in the Association due to his public office time consuming duties.

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[REDACTED] said he has known KERNER for many years and considers him an able administrator, excellent lawyer and outstanding citizen.

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West Suburban Bar Association
11 West Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois

On August 21, 1964, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that OTTO KERNER, JR., has been a member of that association since December, 1954 and has been on the Board of Governors since 1955. He said he has personally been acquainted with KERNER for many years and considers him an honest forthright citizen of excellent character and reputation. He said he knows nothing of an adverse nature concerning KERNER and highly recommends him for any position of trust. [REDACTED] said the West Suburban Bar Association is a group of attorneys residing in the western suburbs of Chicago who meet professionally and socially. There is no grievance committee.

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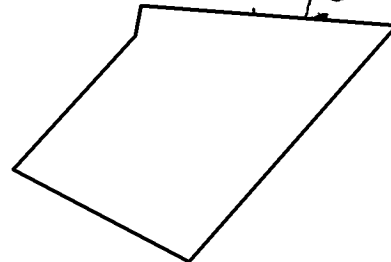
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OTTO KERNER. SPECIAL INQUIRY.

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ALL ASSOCIATIONS MENTIONED RE TEL IN CHICAGO.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (77-19735) (P) (REC)

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ReButel dated 8/10/64.

Enclosed for Bureau is original and one copy
of Internal Revenue Service report received by SA []
[] on 8/21/64.

SA [] caused a search to be made of the files of the Central Intelligence Agency and was advised on 8/21/64, that the files contained no pertinent identifiable information concerning the appointee. b6 b7C

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FROM: SAC, WFO (77-19735) (RUC)

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ReButel dated 8/10/64.

SA [] caused a recheck of the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, which disclosed on 8/24/64 that OTTO KERNER, Jr., was issued passport number 302278 on 8/5/30 for proposed travel to England to attend college, name of college not indicated. The files contained no additional pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memorandum*TO : Mr. Evans *ECW*

DATE: 8/26/64

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

1 - Mr. Belmont
 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: OTTO KERNER
 SPECIAL INQUIRY - WHITE HOUSE

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BACKGROUND

Request received 8/7/64 from White House for investigation of captioned individual, Governor of Illinois, Democrat, position involved not indicated. Governor Kerner announced to the press position is membership in Office of Emergency Planning. Governor Kerner is former U.S. Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, and Judge in Illinois. Since January, 1961, he has been Governor of Illinois. He is on Special Correspondents' List.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

We conducted Departmental Applicant investigation of him in 1947 which was favorable. Current investigation now complete except for 3 agency checks. Persons of both major political parties hold him in high regard, personally and politically. Wife reportedly on occasions drinks alcoholic beverages to excess. Some say she is social drinker and others state her drinking is a result of an ear ailment. She generally does not appear with Governor Kerner in public. They feel she is not a detriment to him.

INFORMATION IN TRANSMITTAL LETTER ONLY

Several individuals while not questioning moral character of Governor or Mrs. Kerner noted that has been active politically in Governor Kerner's behalf and has been seen in the company of Governor and Mrs. Kerner.

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INFORMATION NOT BEING DISSEMINATED

In connection with hoodlum activities in Chicago, an informant (CG 6343-C*) has furnished information indicating Governor Kerner might accept a bribe from the criminal element. No information along that line developed during the investigation and in view of delicacy of source and improbability of resolving the above, information not being included in either the summary memorandum or the transmittal letter.

ACTION:

The enclosed summary memorandum should be transmitted to the Honorable Walter W. Jenkins at the White House.

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1 - Mr. Belmont
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August 26, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

In accordance with the request of the Honorable Ralph A. Dungan on August 7, 1964, an investigation has been conducted regarding Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted regarding Governor Kerner in 1947. Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries concerning him.

Three governmental agencies have advised that checks of their files concerning Governor Kerner have not been completed. When those checks have been completed, you will be advised.

During the current inquiries, several individuals advised that while they have no question regarding the moral character of either Governor or Mrs. Kerner they have noted that [redacted] whom they

consider [redacted], has been active politically in Governor Kerner's behalf and has been seen in the company of Governor and Mrs. Kerner. Representatives of the Waukegan Police Department, Waukegan, Illinois, have advised that [redacted] has never been arrested by that police department on a morals charge. They stated, however, he reportedly has a reputation along these lines and he is quick to defend in court anyone [redacted]

The investigations of Governor Kerner covered inquiries in the continental United States as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

*CIA, IRS, Passport

ENCLOSURE

See cover memo Cleveland to Evans, 8/26/64, re "Otto Kerner, Special Inquiry - White House," WHB:sab.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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~~OTTO KERNER~~

SUMMARY

An applicant-type investigation was conducted regarding Governor Kerner in 1947. This summary memorandum contains the results of that investigation as well as the results of current inquiries concerning him.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Birth

Governor Kerner was born on August 15, 1908, in Chicago, Illinois.

Education

He attended Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, from September, 1926, to June, 1930, receiving a B.A. degree.

Governor Kerner attended the Trinity College of Cambridge University (England) from 1930 to 1931.

He attended Northwestern University Law School, Chicago, Illinois, from September, 1931, to June, 1934, receiving a J.D. degree.

Governor Kerner has been the recipient of several honorary degrees from colleges and universities in the United States.

Employment

From May, 1934, to December, 1934, Governor Kerner was employed by the law firm of Cooke, Sullivan and Ricks, Chicago, Illinois, initially as a law clerk and later as an attorney.

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He was affiliated with the law firm of Kerner, Jaros and Tittle, Chicago, Illinois, from December, 1934, to July, 1947. He was initially employed as an associate attorney and later as a partner in the firm.

From July, 1947, to January, 1954, Governor Kerner was the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois.

He was elected a judge of the Cook County Court, Chicago, Illinois, in December, 1954, and he served in that position until March 1, 1960, when he resigned in order to campaign for the position of Governor of the State of Illinois.

In November, 1960, he was elected Governor of the State of Illinois. He took the oath of office on January 9, 1961, and he has served in this capacity since that date.

On August 7, 1964, Governor Kerner was appointed a member of the National Civil Defense Advisory Council (NCDAC). His membership will expire in January, 1967. The NCDAC is administered by the Office of Emergency Planning, Executive Office of the President, The White House, Washington, D. C.

Governor Kerner is now or has been a member of various social, civic, educational and religious organizations. He is now or has been a member of the governing boards of some of these organizations.

Military Service

Governor Kerner enlisted in the Illinois National Guard on April 2, 1934, and he was appointed a second lieutenant on May 17, 1937. The Illinois National Guard was federalized on June 1, 1937. Governor Kerner entered on active duty as a captain in the United States Army on March 5, 1941, and he was honorably released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel on March 16, 1946. He served in the Illinois National Guard, inactive duty, until December 4, 1954, when he was transferred to the United States Army Reserve Control Group in Illinois as a brigadier general. His service record is clear.

Otto Kerner

Marital Status

In October, 1934, Governor Kerner married the former Helena Cernak. She had formerly been married to Floyd M. Kenlay from whom she obtained a divorce in June, 1933. A child, Mary Alyce, was born of that marriage. Mary Alyce Kenlay subsequently married [redacted]

[redacted] were born of that marriage, which ended in divorce. Mrs. Christensen is deceased. Governor and Mrs. Kerner have adopted the Christensen children and they presently reside with them in the Executive Mansion in Springfield, Illinois. Governor Kerner's legal address is 750 Glendale Drive, Glenview, Illinois.

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II. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS

Interviews

All interviews set forth hereinafter were conducted during the current inquiries regarding Governor Kerner.

Paul H. Douglas, United States Senator from Illinois, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has known Governor Kerner in political circles and as a personal friend for many years. He said Governor Kerner is held in high regard in the State of Illinois and he considers him an outstanding person. He stated there is no question whatsoever regarding Governor Kerner's character, reputation, loyalty or associates. He recommended Governor Kerner for a position of trust and confidence.

Everett M. Dirksen, United States Senator from Illinois, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised he has known Governor Kerner on a personal and political basis for many years. He noted that he and Governor Kerner have been "on the opposite sides of the fence politically" for many years. He said Governor Kerner enjoys an excellent personal and professional reputation. He stated he has been given no reason to question Governor Kerner's associates or his loyalty to the United States, and he recommended Governor Kerner for appointment to a position of trust.

Otto Kerner

[redacted] the law firm of Kerner, Jaros and Tittle, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Governor Kerner for many years. He mentioned that Governor Kerner father, Otto Kerner, Sr., had been a member of the above law firm until he entered public office in the 1940s. He said he has known Mrs. Kerner, the former Helena Cernak, and Governor Kerner's [redacted] Rose and [redacted], all their lives. He mentioned that Mrs. Kerner's father, Anton J. Cernak, while Mayor of Chicago, Illinois, was killed by an assassin's bullet in Miami, Florida, in 1933. He said the bullet was intended for the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. [redacted] further mentioned that Mrs. Kerner has an ear defect which has caused her loss of hearing and as a result she is subject to personal imbalance and frustration. He said this has resulted in a "drinking problem" on her part. He stated she does not drink alcoholic beverages to excess but "one or two drinks cause her to be unsteady due to the ear defect." He said Governor Kerner is an excellent attorney and administrator who served well as a judge in Illinois. He highly recommended Governor Kerner for any position for which he may be considered.

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John S. Boyle, Judge, Circuit Court, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in New York City. He advised he has known Governor Kerner for many years, adding "I know no finer man." He said he considers Governor Kerner an outstanding American of the finest character and ideals. He feels Governor Kerner is a very able person and he recommended him unequivocally and without reservation for any position that the President of the United States may consider him.

Edward V. Hanrahan, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed in St. Petersburg, Florida. He advised he has known Governor Kerner for the past five years. Mr. Hanrahan stated that for several years until March, 1964, he (Mr. Hanrahan) was First Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois and as a result thereof he had professional and social contact with Governor Kerner. He said he knows Governor Kerner to have an excellent reputation as a prosecutor, judge and Governor. He said Governor Kerner has demonstrated extraordinary legal and administrative abilities. He highly recommended Governor Kerner for a position of trust and confidence, adding there is no question whatsoever regarding Governor Kerner's character, reputation or loyalty to the United States.

Otto Kerner

[redacted] interviewed in Chicago, Illinois, advised he was employed by the Chicago Bar Association for twenty years and he served as [redacted] of that association for [redacted]. In connection with [redacted] duties with the Chicago Bar Association he has had frequent contact with Governor Kerner. He said he highly regards Governor Kerner and he considers him an honest, and dependable person of high ideals, integrity and moral character. He said Governor Kerner is very definite in his ideas and opinions. He noted Governor Kerner is a leader of a major political party in Chicago and as such he is in close contact with Richard J. Daley, Mayor of Chicago. He said Governor Kerner and Mayor Daley have many of the same ideals and purposes; however, Governor Kerner stands on his own ideals and integrity and he does what he believes is correct. He described Governor Kerner as a mature and responsible person who exercises good judgment and discretion. He said there is no question whatsoever regarding his loyalty to the United States and he had no reservations in recommending Governor Kerner for a position of trust with the Federal Government.

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James B. Parsons, Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has been acquainted with Governor and Mrs. Kerner since 1951. He said Governor Kerner, as United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, was sincere in the handling of his duties and he strove for perfection at all times. He said that, as United States Attorney, Governor Kerner instilled confidence in his men and "he is the type of man who will back his men completely if he feels the person involved is doing good work." He added that Governor Kerner is a good organizer and he "kept a sharp office" while serving as United States Attorney. He stated Governor Kerner continues to have the same attitude. He stated it has been said that the Governor's Office in Springfield, Illinois, enters to the government in the city of Chicago. In his opinion, Judge Parsons said, this is not true. He said Governor Kerner is a person who believes "good government is good politics" and he would not be imposed upon by anyone. He said Governor Kerner has much personal magnetism and to his knowledge Governor Kerner has created no enemies. He said he regards Governor Kerner as a prudent man. He mentioned that he has been in the company of Mrs. Kerner on numerous occasions since 1951 and she has always acted in a dignified manner. He stated he has heard that Mrs. Kerner

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uses intoxicants but he has no personal knowledge of this, and when he has been in contact with her, she has always been "quite sober and quite dignified." He furnished favorable comments regarding the character, reputation, loyalty and associations of Governor and Mrs. Kerner, and he highly recommended Governor Kerner for a position of trust and confidence.

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[redacted] Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Governor Kerner for about [redacted] as a member of the opposing political party. He said he regards Governor Kerner as a loyal American of excellent character, reputation, morals and associates. He stated further he believes Governor Kerner is honest and his integrity is above question. He said that based upon Governor Kerner's excellent reputation as United States Attorney, as judge in Cook County, and as Governor of Illinois, he does not understand how Governor Kerner as a responsible official has not taken a more positive stand against the obvious criminal element infesting the Chicago area as well as the "monstrous vote frauds which are scandalizing Chicago." He said Governor Kerner's lack of initiative in these matters earned him the name "Vacillating Otto" in Republican Party circles. He said that nevertheless he would recommend Governor Kerner for any position for which he is selected if such position does not place Mrs. Kerner in public life. He explained that he has heard, but has no personal knowledge, that Mrs. Kerner drinks intoxicants to excess.

Richard J. Daley, Mayor, City of Chicago, Illinois, advised he has known Governor Kerner for approximately thirty years. He said he regards Governor Kerner as an unquestionably loyal American who enjoys an excellent personal and public reputation. He stated Governor Kerner is honest, conscientious, sincere and dedicated as a public official, and he has made an excellent record as Governor of the State of Illinois. He highly recommended Governor Kerner for any position of trust.

[redacted] of the [redacted] Illinois Central Railroad, Chicago, Illinois, advised he has been acquainted with Governor Kerner for about [redacted]. He said he regards Governor Kerner as an American whose loyalty is above question and as an individual whose character, reputation, morals and associates are excellent. He

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said he believes Governor Kerner's performance and conduct in public office have been excellent. He stated on occasions he has observed Mrs. Kerner drink intoxicants to excess.

[redacted] stated that he is politically opposed to Governor Kerner, but he highly recommended him for any position for which he may be considered "in spite of his wife's occasional excessive drinking."

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[redacted] Waukegan, Illinois, and [redacted] advised he has been acquainted with Governor and Mrs. Kerner since 1937. He stated he has on several occasions traveled overseas with the Kerners and on one trip they were constantly together.

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[redacted] mentioned that he has been a lifelong member of the Republican Party; however, he endorsed Governor Kerner when the latter sought the office of Governor of the State of Illinois. He said Governor Kerner is a person of "calm judgment" and high integrity. He stated he has heard many times over the years that Mrs. Kerner drinks alcoholic beverages to excess. He said he believes he knows her better than most of her friends and associates and in his opinion she is a social drinker only. He stated further Mrs. Kerner is a fine person and he has never felt that Mrs. Kerner was intoxicated. He said Mrs. Kerner sometimes gives the appearance of being intoxicated although she has not had "a drink." He said she does not hear well and she attempts to read lips. On occasion, he stated, she misinterprets the individual who is speaking and thereby gives the impression she is intoxicated. [redacted] highly recommended Governor Kerner for a position of trust and responsibility.

Fifty-one other associates and acquaintances of Governor Kerner's, including members of the major opposing political parties of Illinois, judges and attorneys, were interviewed during the investigations. They described Governor Kerner as an honest and dependable person whose moral conduct, reputation, associates and loyalty to the United States are above question. They said Governor Kerner is a gentleman in every respect. They stated further he is mature in his judgment and he bases his opinions on facts, law, and his conscience. It was stated he has sufficient personal courage to follow the dictates of his conscience. They said Governor Kerner has a talent for leadership and organization, and he can and will accept responsibility, which responsibility he effectively discharges either by direct action on his part

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or by the proper delegation of authority with the constraint of proper supervision. They highly recommended Governor Kerner for a position of trust and confidence. During the current inquiries several persons stated they are aware that Mrs. Kerner drinks alcoholic beverages to excess but they feel her use of intoxicants does not in any way interfere with the performance of the Governor's duties. They noted that Mrs. Kerner rarely appears at public gatherings with the Governor. These individuals stated they feel Mrs. Kerner is a person of good moral character. Persons acquainted with Governor Kerner's close relatives stated they are reputable individuals and their loyalty to the United States is above question.

Close Relatives

Governor Kerner's father, Otto Kerner, Sr.; his stepdaughter, Mrs. Anders J. (Mary Alyce) Christensen; and his sister, Mrs. Phillip (Rose) Ickes, are deceased. His mother, Mrs. Rose Barbara Chmelik Kerner, resides in River Forest, Illinois. He also has a [redacted]

[redacted] resides in [redacted]

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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Kerner or his close relatives.

Bar Affiliations

Governor Kerner was admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois in June, 1934, and before the United States Supreme Court in March, 1936.

He is a member in good standing of the following bar associations:

American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois;
Chicago, Illinois, Bar Association;
Federal Bar Association, Washington, D. C.;
Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois;
The Bohemian Lawyers' Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois;
The West Suburban Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois.

No grievances have been filed against him.

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Agency Checks

There is either no record or no additional pertinent information regarding Governor Kerner in the files of the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; the House Committee on Un-American Activities; the United States Secret Service; G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland; or the Security Branch, Office of Emergency Planning.

Miscellaneous

The October 10, 1961, issue of "The Chicago Tribune," a newspaper of general circulation in the Chicago, Illinois, area, contained an article which stated that Governor and Mrs. Otto Kerner failed to pay personal property taxes on their summer home in Antioch (Lake County), Illinois, for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958. According to the article, Governor Kerner had protested the payment of the personal property tax because he felt the levy was unreasonably high.

The records of the Office of the States Attorney, Lake County, Waukegan, Illinois, show that Governor and Mrs. Otto Kerner do not presently owe personal property tax in Lake County, Illinois.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information regarding Governor Kerner.

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Evans
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August 27, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

By letter dated August 26, 1964, you were furnished a summary memorandum containing the results of investigation regarding Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois.

There is no pertinent identifiable information regarding Governor Kerner in the files of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, show that in August, 1930, Governor Kerner was issued a passport for travel to Europe for educational purposes. He was issued a passport in September, 1963, for travel to Europe for business and pleasure. There is no unfavorable information regarding Governor Kerner in the files of the Passport Office.

Referral/Consult



This concludes the investigation in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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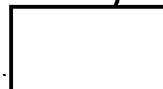
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : J. A. Sizoo *JAS*

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER, JR. (D. - ILLINOIS)
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Wick
1 - Mr. Sullivan

DATE: July 25, 1966

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. Wick to Mr. DeLoach dated July 20, 1966, which related to a telephone call Governor Otto Kerner of Illinois made to the Bureau. Kerner asked for information concerning meetings which Dr. Martin Luther King had held with young hoodlum gangs in Chicago. Mr. Bishop had telephonically advised the Special Agent in Charge at Springfield of the Governor's request and instructed the Special Agent in Charge to contact the Chicago Office and thereafter get in touch with the Governor.

SAC Marlin Johnson of Chicago called this morning from Springfield and said he and SAC Gebhardt were planning to call on the Governor today. He read to me a draft of the material which Chicago had prepared in response to the Governor's request and which related to meetings which King's representatives in Chicago had had with young gangs. A film of the Los Angeles riots had been exhibited to such groups, for the purpose of convincing them how horrible the Watts situation had been and to convince them that such gangs should support the non-violence policy of Dr. King's organization, Southern Christian Leadership Conference. SAC Johnson advised me that all of the material in the memorandum was of a public source nature and the Chicago Police Department was in possession of all of the information.

ACTION:

Under the circumstances, I authorized SAC Johnson to make this information available to the Governor.

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *DL*

DATE: July 20, 1966

FROM : R. E. Wick *Wick*

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER, JR. (D. - ILLINOIS)
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

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At 9:30 a.m. on 7/20/66, by referral from the Director's Office, Bishop in my office received a telephone call from Governor Kerner, who stated he was in Washington and was leaving this afternoon to return to Springfield, Illinois. Governor Kerner advised that he has been informed that recently several Chicago daily newspapers carried stories to the effect that the Bureau was in possession of information concerning meetings which Dr. Martin Luther King was holding with young "hoodlum" gangs in Chicago.

Governor Kerner was not aware of the identity of the newspapers or the dates on which these stories were carried in them. He stated that he would be extremely interested in receiving from the Bureau any information which we might have along this line, in connection with the race riots in Chicago, but advised that he is aware that this is extremely nebulous information. He stated that, on his return to Springfield, he would have the particular news articles located and make them available to SAC Gebhardt, Springfield Office, so that the Bureau would be aware of what data the papers are alleging the Bureau has in its possession concerning these meetings of Dr. King.

It has been determined from the Domestic Intelligence Division that Jim Bevel, the representative of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (Martin Luther King's group) in Chicago recently held a meeting with a Negro youth street gang known as the "Blackstone Rangers," at which time he ran off for them a film of the Watts riot. His alleged purpose in doing this was to convince them of how horrible the Watts situation had been and to convince them that nonviolence was the best technique to utilize in fighting racial discrimination. It is very possible that Bevel advised the Chicago papers that he had taken this action and that he was advising the FBI that such action had been taken.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Wick to DeLoach memo 7/20/66
Re: GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER, JR.

DATA IN BUREAU FILES:

Our files reflect that our relations with Governor Kerner have been generally cordial. He was formerly U. S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois and exhibited a cooperative attitude toward the Bureau. As Governor he has also exhibited a friendly attitude toward the Bureau.

ACTION TAKEN:

At 10:10 a.m., 7/20/66, Bishop telephonically advised SAC Gebhardt of the contact by Governor Kerner with the Bureau and was notified that Governor Kerner would probably be in touch with him on July 21st to exhibit the newspaper clippings in question. Gebhardt was instructed to contact the Chicago Office after he was contacted by Governor Kerner to determine what data that office had in its possession concerning the meeting of Jim Bevel with the "Blackstone Rangers" and thereafter to telephonically contact the Bureau for approval as to what information concerning this he may be able to furnish Governor Kerner.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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July 27, 1966

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EX 110

Honorable Otto Kerner
The Governor of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois 62706

My dear Governor Kerner:

Mr. Robert E. Gebhardt, Special Agent
in Charge of our Springfield Office, has advised me of
the highly complimentary remarks you made concerning
the FBI at the recent meeting of the Illinois Association
of Chiefs of Police.

Your continued support of this Bureau is
a source of encouragement to my associates and me.
I did not want to let the opportunity pass without express-
ing my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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2-03 AM CDST 7/26/66 URGENT CEK

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SPRINGFIELD

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ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, TWENTYFIFTH ANNIVERSARY,
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AT BANQUET OF ASSOCIATION JULY TWENTYFIVE, ILLINOIS CHIEFS
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AWARD" TO DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER, "IN RECOGNITION OF HIS
DEDICATED AND INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP, AS WELL AS HIS DEVOTION
AND UNSELFISH GUIDANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT THE UNITED
STATES. THROUGH THE INSTITUTION OF THE FBI NATIONAL ACADEMY
AND THE MANY OTHER COOPERATIVE SERVICES; HE HAS RAISED THE
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO UNPARALLED HEIGHTS".
AWARD PRESENTED BY CHIEF SILVER SUAREZ (NA), SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS
AND ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF DIRECTOR BY ASST. DIRECTOR JOSEPH J.
CASPER. CASPER MADE OUTSTANDING RESPONSE IN ACCEPTING AWARD
FOR DIRECTOR AND MANY MOST FAVORABLE COMMENTS RECEIVED INCLUDING
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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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OVER FOUR HUNDRED PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE THIS AWARD WAS EXTREMELY POPULAR AND SINCERELY MADE IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR INNUMERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT BY DIRECTOR. GOVERNOR KERNER MADE BRIEF COMMENTS TO CHIEFS AND WAS MOST HIGH IN PRAISE OF DIRECTOR AND FBI. PLAQUE WILL BE HAND CARRIED BY ASST. DIRECTOR CASPER ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY TWENTYSEVEN NEXT.

RECOMMEND LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO CHIEF JOHN HEAFNER^{NA} (NA) ALTON, ILLINOIS PD, PRESIDENT OF ILLACP, THANKING ASSOCIATION: CHIEF SILVER SUAREZ^{NA} (NA), SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS PD, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ILLACP, WHO SUGGESTED, PERFECTED AND MOTIVATED AWARD; AND GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER^{SV}, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, FOR HIS KIND REMARKS CONCERNING DIRECTOR AND FBI.

NOTHING IN FILES SPRINGFIELD AND CHICAGO OFFICES PRECLUDE SENDING OF LETTERS.

RECOMMEND LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR ASST. DIRECTOR CASPER FOR OUTSTANDING MANNER IN WHICH HE REPRESENTED DIRECTOR IN ACCEPTING AWARD AND PRESENTATION OF ACCEPTANCE SPEECH.

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CC-Mr. Casper
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Wick

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (174-)

J UNSUB: GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER- VICTIM ASSASSINATION THREAT BM.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO JUNE NINE SIXTYSEVEN.
CEREMONY WITH GOVERNOR KERNER AT LIDICE TRANSPIRED WITHOUT
INCIDENT THIS DATE.

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Date: 6/9/67

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (174-193) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; GOVERNOR OTTO
KERNER - VICTIM
 ASSASSINATION THREAT -
 BM

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau and Chicago
 6/9/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies
 of an LHM relating to captioned matter and 2 copies of an
 FD-376.

One copy of the LHM and of the FD-376 are being
 furnished to Secret Service, Chicago.

Chicago Division is following matter with the
 Joliet, Illinois, Police Department and the Bureau
 will be advised of any further developments in this
 matter.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
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 1 - Springfield (Info) (Encl. 1) RM
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 1 - Bombing - CRA of 1964 Unit
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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER - VICTIM

[REDACTED] U. S. Secret Service,
Springfield, Illinois; at 12:35 PM;

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[REDACTED] Special Agent, 113th MI Group,
U.S. Army, Springfield, Illinois, advised at 12:48 PM.

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June 22, 1967

OTTO KERNER
Born: August 15, 1908

Applicant-type investigations were conducted in 1947 and 1964 concerning the captioned individual. The results of these investigations were furnished to the White House.

For detailed results of these investigations, you are referred to [redacted] at the White House, (161-2820)

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Original and 1 - Department of Housing and Urban Development
Request received - June 6, 1967

NOTE: During the 1964 investigation, several individuals advised that while they have no question regarding the moral character of either Governor or Mrs. Kerner, they have noted that [redacted] in

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[redacted] has been active politically in Governor Kerner's behalf and has been seen in the company of Governor and Mrs. Kerner. Representatives of the Waukegan Police Department, Waukegan, Illinois, have advised that [redacted] has never been arrested by that police department on a morals charge. They stated however, he reportedly has a reputation along these lines and he is quick to defend in court anyone arrested [redacted]

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Written by

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: February 7, 1968

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The Attorney General called this afternoon and said that the President had requested he have the FBI conduct a limited inquiry on Governor Kerner of Illinois.

The Attorney General did not indicate the reason for the current interest; however, it is noted in the paper today that Governor Kerner announced he will not seek a third term as Governor. It is possible the Administration will place him in some Federal position.

The Attorney General requested that the inquiry be limited at this time to a check of tax returns and credit and criminal records, which should be reported to him along with all pertinent data in Bureau files as well as field office files.

The results of the above inquiries are to be reported to the Attorney General, indicating that inquiries have been limited to record checks and material in Bureau files and that no open investigation or interviews will be conducted in the absence of a specific request.

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For information. This will be expedited.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Cleveland
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Gale *g/gar*

FROM : W. V. Cleveland *WVC*

SUBJECT: OTTO KERNER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

DATE: 3/5/68

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The Deputy Attorney General's Office has requested a name check on one [redacted], who has written to the Attorney General protesting the appointment of Otto Kerner (presently Governor of Illinois) to a Federal judicial position. [redacted] attached to his letter to the Attorney General a copy of a letter to SAC Marlin Johnson at Chicago in which he also protests any appointment of Otto Kerner to a Federal judgeship. [redacted] alleges that Kerner is not qualified because he has been in "league with" the mayor of Chicago, the United States Attorney at Chicago, some banking officials, and "J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," who are charged by him with being accessories before the fact in the killing of one Mandel Skar. Skar, a Chicago hoodlum, was killed in "gangland" style in 1965.

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Bureau files and the Chicago Office files show [redacted] has been a chronic letter writer since 1950. His complaints and allegations of civil rights violations and discrimination against him by local and Federal agencies have been unfounded. In one letter he stated that in April, 1964, he fired a .38 caliber bullet toward a Negro individual who he believed was intruding in his neighborhood. Information concerning Clark in the above admitted shooting incident was sent to the United States Secret Service.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum containing all pertinent information in the Bureau and Chicago Office files concerning [redacted]

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By separate communications a copy of the above referred to letterhead memorandum is being sent to the Deputy Attorney General's Office and to the United States Secret Service.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Cleveland
1 - Mr. Bruggeman

ENCLOSURE

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Date: 2/8/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (77-19735) (RUC)

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of IRS
report.

On 2/8/68, IC [redacted] caused a search to be made of the files of The Credit Bureau, Inc., Washington, D.C., and was advised the files contained no record concerning the appointee.

On 2/8/68, IC [redacted] determined the files of the Metropolitan Police Department contained no record for the appointee. It is to be noted that at all times an indefinite number of unidentified records are out of file and not available for review.

On 2/8/68, IC [redacted] reviewed the files of the U.S. Park Police and found no record concerning the appointee.

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Approved: [Signature] Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI CHICAGO

10:59 AM URGENT 2-8-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (161-917) (RUC)

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MR. CLEVELAND
FEB 12 1968

P RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO CHICAGO FEBRUARY SEVEN,
LAST.

REVIEW OF CHICAGO FILES RE KERNER SINCE AUGUST, NINETEEN
SIXTY FOUR, DISCLOSES NO DEROGATORY OR UNFAVORABLE INFORMATION.

CHECK OF CHICAGO CREDIT BUREAU, INC., AND CHICAGO
POLICE DEPARTMENT ON FEBRUARY EIGHT, INSTANT, REVEALED NO
UNFAVORABLE CREDIT RECORD AND NO ARREST RECORD RE KERNER.

UACB NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED.

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cc a. j. [unclear] 2-14-68 jlt

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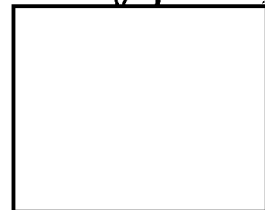
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FROM SPRINGFIELD (161-200) 1P.

OTTO KERNER. SPI.

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RE REPORT SA WILLIAM C. RITT DATED EIGHT SEVENTEEN
SIXTYFOUR AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TWO SEVEN LAST.

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COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SPRINGFIELD; NEGATIVE. CREDIT RECORDS
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NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB. RUC.

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The Attorney General

For your information, the records of the Sangamon County Court, Springfield, Illinois, show that [redacted] was indicted by a Sangamon County Grand Jury on April 20, 1965, on the charges of conspiracy and official misconduct in connection with receiving legal fees several years prior thereto from a firm doing business with the State of Illinois while he, Isaacs, was Finance Director of Illinois. The indictment was nol-prossed on September 29, 1965.

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The files of this Bureau reveal that on October 20, 1964, [redacted] Better Government Administration, Chicago, Illinois, advised he received an anonymous letter dated October 8, 1964, alleging a fraud on the part of [redacted] in connection with the awarding of a contract in 1961 for construction work at the Illinois State Fair Grounds.

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During the current inquiries [redacted] contacted in Chicago, Illinois, advised he thoroughly investigated the aforementioned allegation and he determined it to be completely false.

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The central files of the FBI, including the files of the Identification Division, contain no additional pertinent information concerning Governor Kerner.

Enclosures (3)

The Attorney General

NOTE: Request received 2/7/68 from Attorney General for limited inquiry of Governor Kerner to include checks of Federal tax returns, credit and criminal records, and Bureau files. No derogatory information developed in connection with checks. Pursuant to instructions, no open interviews were made currently concerning Kerner. Summary memorandum dated 8/26/64 containing results of 1947 and 1964 investigations of Kerner being enclosed for Attorney General. Kerner is held in high regard by individuals of both major political parties. Public Press of 2/8/68 noted that ~~that~~ Governor Kerner announced he will not seek a third term as Governor. He is on the Special Correspondents' List.

Kerner Out Of Race; Hint U.S. Judgeship

By Burnell Heinecke
Sun-Times Bureau

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A somber Gov. Kerner surprised the state Wednesday by announcing he will not run for a third term as governor.

The Sun-Times learned that Kerner had confided to friends after the announcement that he expects to assume a vacant federal judgeship.

In Washington, other friends said the governor probably would succeed Win G. Knoch of the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, who has resigned. The court's jurisdiction is parts of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Kerner, speaking in the state Capitol at the largest press conference of his administration, said the decision had been "the most difficult of my life." He added:

"I choose not to run. My reasons are personal. I now must be as deeply concerned about the health and happiness of my family as I have been concerned about the health and happiness of all the citizens of this state."

Just before the press conference, Kerner had summoned his staff and broke the news to them in tears. Only one or two had known of the governor's concern for the health of his wife, Helena, and none was prepared for the news. Many shared the governor's tears.

Privately, however, Kerner disclosed recently that concern for his relationship with his children, Tony, a student at Brown University, and Helen, who is at Drake University, had raised questions about his continuing in office.

When they were home for Christmas vacation, it was learned, discussions centered on whether there might be a closer family relationship, with more frequent visits to the campuses and more shared time among both parents and children, if Kerner were to step down.

Kerner also has received a number of offers from large corporations, among them international law firms, if he made the decision not to seek a third term.

The question of Mrs. Kerner's health has been the subject of much speculation, but the governor has told friends she is in far better health than some had been led to believe earlier, and has recently undergone examination by specialists who have given encouraging prognoses.

"This was strictly his own choice," an administrative assistant said. "I don't think you could find a person who urged him not to run."

Kerner indicated much the same thing in his pronouncement to newsmen.

The governor said he informed Mayor Daley and President Johnson by telephone Wednesday morning of his decision, and that both men expressed disappointment and said they had hoped he would run again.

Meanwhile, at a press conference in Chicago, Mayor Daley gave indirect support to speculation Kerner might accept a federal appointive post, or one as a consultant.

The mayor, in response to questions, said that although

Kerner was not interested in seeking re-election or running for the U.S. Senate, he had not given up the idea of public life.

"I think he will be a great official any place he wants to go," Daley said.

Asked about the possibility Kerner will be named a federal judge, Daley said the governor "always has been interested in the judiciary," and "surely" could follow in the "distinguished" footsteps of his father.

The father, Otto Kerner Sr., served as a judge in the U.S. District Court of Appeals.

Kerner has long been rumored as a likely choice for a federal judgeship. After his selection by President Johnson as chairman of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, speculation increased that he might end up with a top federal post.

One of the jobs mentioned is secretary of health, education and welfare.

Kerner refused to be drawn out on his personal choice for a successor as governor.

Up To Committee

"That is a decision to be made by the Democratic State Central Committee," he said.

Kerner said he would support and actively campaign for any candidate chosen by the committee.

Asked about the possibility that Sargent Shriver, head of the federal war on poverty, will be a candidate for governor, Kerner said:

"I would be pleased to see

anyone who is strong run for the office."

The governor's decision not to run, which he termed "irrevocable," was a well-kept secret.

Until Tuesday, when Kerner decided to make the Wednesday announcement, only state Finance Director James A. Ronan, who also serves as chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, had been taken into his confidence on the matter.

Called By Governor

Other elected state officials — Lt. Gov. Samuel H. Shapiro, Atty. Gen. William G. Clark, Treasurer Adlai E. Stevenson III, Auditor Michael J. Howelett and Sec. of State Paul Powell — were called by the governor in the hour before the press conference.

A senior member of the Democratic State Central Committee had been predicting privately for several months that Kerner would not run again.

He emphasized that he was not speaking from knowledge of the governor's plans, but on the basis of his observations of the "inhuman load" Kerner has been carrying as governor and as chairman of the President's Commission on Civil Disorders.

He said Kerner has been looking "awfully, awfully tired," and that it had seemed logical for him to step down "with his popularity riding high."

Concern For Wife

The governor's concern for his wife's health was pointed out in Wednesday's Sun-Times.

In the last two weeks, when arriving at his decision on a third term, Kerner had brought in medical specialists to check on his wife's health.

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Date: 12/22/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: ACCOUNTING & FRAUD
SECTION

FROM: *[Handwritten: CMB]* SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: JUDGE OTTO KERNER
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
7th CIRCUIT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Remyairtel 12/21/70.

On the morning of 12/22/70, Judge KERNER called SAC BATES and asked that he come to his chambers. Judge KERNER stated that he had seen the newspaper clippings concerning the allegation by his [redacted] that the telephone in Judge KERNER's office was tapped in 1969 and that the law clerk, [redacted] "assumed" that the FBI was tapping the phone. *1LL 1600A*

Judge KERNER stated that he was most embarrassed by this; that he had no knowledge whatsoever of these allegations; that they were not brought to his attention by [redacted] in 1969; and that he, himself, had never had any suspicions that his phone was being tapped. He stated that he has always enjoyed a close relationship with the FBI in Chicago and has always held Mr. HOOVER in the highest esteem. He attributed [redacted] comments to his desire for publicity. Judge KERNER asked that his comments be made known to the Director and that the Director be assured that this was not coming from him nor had he any knowledge of it, or had he sanctioned in any way the pronouncements of [redacted]. *V*

I advised Judge KERNER that I could assure him that the FBI had never tapped any telephone in his office. He commented that he never had any suspicion that such was being done..

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the comments of Judge KERNER.

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Approved: *51 JAN 8 1971*

1971 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

December 22, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JUDGE OTTO KERNER
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
7TH CIRCUIT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On December 22, 1970, Judge Otto Kerner advised the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago that he was most embarrassed by the comments made by [REDACTED] concerning the tapping of his, Judge Kerner's, private telephone line in 1969. Judge Kerner stated he had no knowledge whatsoever of these allegations and that they were not brought to his attention by Landau in 1969. The Special Agent in Charge advised Judge Kerner that he could be assured that the FBI had never tapped any telephone in his office. He commented that he never had any suspicions that such was being done.

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Date: 12/21/70

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

ATTN: ACCOUNTING AND FRAUD SECTION

SUBJECT: JUDGE OTTO KERNER
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
7TH CIRCUIT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReBu telcall 12/21/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 5 copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above. Also included as an enclosure are four articles that appeared in Chicago newspapers 12/19, 20 and 21/70.

For the information of the Bureau, enclosed articles and LHM pertain to allegations by [redacted] of U. S. Court of Appeals Judge OTTO KERNER, that Judge KERNER's telephone was tapped by the FBI for a four-month period beginning in January, 1969. Of course, this is not true.

Chicago files contain no information identifiable with [redacted]

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, I have answered all newspaper inquiries regarding the above as follows: "The FBI has never had a telephone tap on Judge KERNER's phone or any phones in his offices."

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Special Agent in Charge

The Chicago Office was never the recipient of any allegations from Judge KERNER or from Judge KERNER's office regarding any telephone tap on his telephone or any telephone in his office. This allegations is nearly two years old and was based on noises heard on the line.

No investigation is being conducted by the Chicago Office.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
December 21, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JUDGE OTTO KERNER
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
7TH CIRCUIT
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

In the December 19-20, 1970 edition of the "Chicago Daily News", an article appeared quoting Eliot A. Landau, the former Senior Law Clerk for United States Appeals Court Judge Otto Kerner. The article stated that, according to Landau, Judge Kerner's private telephone line was tapped for at least four months during 1969. Landau, now an Assistant Law Professor at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, stated that he believed Judge Kerner's private line was tapped by the FBI, although he did not definitely know of any reason for the alleged FBI tap. Landau stated that he had not reported the alleged tap because Judge Kerner had a feeling of powerlessness over the alleged tap. Landau was quoted as stating that suspicions of the tap started in January, 1969 when unusual sounds, along with other conversations mixed in, were heard on the telephone. 1LL

A similar article appeared in the December 20, 1970 issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times", dateline Des Moines, Iowa, setting forth the same allegations.

Another similar article appeared in the December 21, 1970 edition of the "Chicago Daily News", again setting forth basically the same information. In addition, in this article, Landau was quoted as giving two reasons for the alleged tap by the FBI. Landau stated one possible reason was to protect Judge Kerner, since he had been the recipient of several crank calls. The other reason, according to Landau, was that a Government agency may have been interested in Landau himself. Landau stated he had been very active with a number of civil rights groups taking part in demonstrations in the South and in addition, at one time counseled the conservative Vice Lords, a Chicago youth gang.

This allegation was never referred to the FBI and, according to Landau's statement, occurred nearly two years ago.

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ENCLOSURE

FBI denies tapping Judge Kerner's phone

By Kent Bernhard

Charles Bates, head of the Chicago FBI office, said Monday that the FBI has never tapped any telephones of U.S. Appeals Court Judge Otto Kerner.

Bates spoke out after the judge's former law clerk, Eliot A. Landau, said he believes the FBI tapped Kerner's office line for at least four months during 1969.

"The FBI has never had a telephone tap on any of Judge Kerner's telephones, and this includes his office telephones," said Bates.

WHEN INFORMED of Bates' comment, Landau replied, "How do you ever know if the FBI is telling the truth? If the FBI admitted it was tapping the line it would be admitting that it did something illegal."

"Logs of illegal wiretaps made by the FBI are forced out of the FBI through the court process all the time. Do you suppose they are going to step forward and admit them all?"

Kerner was not available for comment on the suspected tapping of the telephone in his chambers in the Dirksen Building.

LANDAU said he did not exclude Army intelligence as a possibility in the alleged wiretapping. "All the information we had, though, was that the FBI probably was doing it," he said.

Former Army intelligence agent John M. O'Brien said last week that Kerner was among top political figures in Illinois on whom the Army's 13th Military Intelligence Group had spied.

ALTHOUGH no one in Kerner's office knows the reason

for the alleged tap, Landau said, Kerner and his aide considered two possible reasons why the FBI would want to monitor the judge's line.

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Several crank threats were received by mail and a few came through the Dirksen Building switchboard, but none on Kerner's private line, Landau said.

THE OTHER possible reason, Landau said, was that a government agency may have been collecting information on Landau.

Starting in 1960 and continuing for several years, Landau said, he was "very active" with a number of civil rights groups taking part in demonstrations in the South and at one time counseled the Conservative Vice Lords.

He said none of his civil rights activities was "political."

LANDAU, now an assistant law professor at Drake University, Des Moines, said he had talked as recently as last Friday with Kerner about the alleged bugging.

The judge reiterated his belief that his phone had been tapped and voiced no objection to Landau's disclosure of those beliefs, Landau said.

Landau said suspicion of a tap on Kerner's private line started in January, 1969, when "we heard unusual sounds with other conversations mixed in."

LANDAU said that in late March or early April of last year he attempted to make a

call on the private line, received no dial tone and hung up. He picked up the phone again and found himself listening to a conversation between a man and a woman.

After listening for a time, he said he learned that the conversation was between a switchboard operator for a plumbing supply firm and another employee of the firm on an internal office telephone.

Landau said he believes he heard the conversation because the telephone in the plumbing firm — two miles from the Dirksen Building — and Kerner's private line were both being monitored from the same location and the lines were connected by error.

LANDAU said that after hearing the conversation, it was learned that the plumbing supply firm was suspected of being a crime syndicate front. This strengthened his belief that the FBI was involved in bugging.



Gov. Otto Kerner

5 CHICAGO DAILY NEWS
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Kerner phone tap by FBI, ex-aide hints

By Kent Bernhard

The reason for the alleged tapping of U.S. Appeals Court Judge Otto Kerner's private office telephone is a mystery to Kerner and his associates, according to the judge's former chief law clerk.

Elliot A. Landau said he and Kerner believe the judge's telephone in his Dirksen Building chambers were monitored for at least four months during 1969 even though they are not certain why, or who was responsible.

The judge and his associates do not believe, Landau said, that the telephone was tapped by Army intelligence, despite reports that Kerner was under surveillance for a time by the Army. Instead Kerner is now said to believe that his line was tapped by the FBI.

The FBI in Chicago had no comment on Landau's allegations.

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Landau said that in 1963 while a student at the University of Chicago, he was under surveillance when he was active in organizing a Northern chapter of the Student Nonviolent Co-ordinating Committee (now the Student National Co-ordinating Committee) — at that time considered a moderate civil rights organization.

THE REASON for the surveillance at that time, Landau believes, is that SNCC shared an office on university property with several other groups, including the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, then a target of government investigation.

Landau said he knows of no other time when he might have been under investigation.

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Kerner's former clerk said the judge did not report the alleged bugging at the time because of the feeling of "powerlessness."

"If you feel you're being bugged by a government agency, who do you go to clear it up? They're probably the ones who probably are listening and wouldn't admit it anyway," Landau said.

LANDAU said he decided to disclose the alleged bugging after first planning to report in a letter to Sen. Sam J. Ervin (D-N.C.), whose Senate

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subcommittee will hold hearings on government surveillance in February.

"Then, I decided to release the information," he said. "When this is in the public eye, maybe it will cause a rock to be turned over and the snake can be seen."

Landau also said he believes

he got indirect confirmation from an FBI agent, who was a casual acquaintance, that the FBI had a tap on Kerner's phone.

He said he once commented about the suspected tap to the FBI man, who replied, "Well, you can't talk about those things."



Gov. Otto Kerner

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Kerner wiretap told by ex-clerk

DES MOINES (UPI) — A second time, he said, a man and woman were talking on the other end.

"After listening to the conversation," Landau said, "I concluded it was between a switchboard operator of a Near North Side plumbing supply firm and an employee. We found out later the firm was suspected as a Mafia front."

Eliot A. Landau, now an assistant law professor at Drake University, said Kerner and his staff were never able to pinpoint who was tapping the phone line. The tapping activity occurred from winter to spring of 1969, and may have continued beyond that, he said.

Landau said Friday he had informed Kerner he planned to make the tapping information public.

"It seems highly unlikely that it was the Army," Landau said in reference to disclosures by a former Army agent that prominent Illinois citizens, including Kerner, had been subject to Army intelligence surveillance.

Landau, 28, worked with Kerner for one year in Chicago. He said there was both a private line and a switchboard line leading into Kerner's office.

"We had occasional arguments with some of the operators who had a tendency to listen on the switchboard line," Landau said. "If you had to discuss confidential information, you couldn't do it on that phone."

"Sometime in January or February (1969), we thought when using the private line we heard unusual sounds with other conversations mixed in."

In late March or early April, Landau said he picked up the private line to make an outside call but received no dial tone, hung up, and tried again. The

second time, he said, a man and woman were talking on the other end.

"After listening to the conversation," Landau said, "I concluded it was between a switchboard operator of a Near North Side plumbing supply firm and an employee. We found out later the firm was suspected as a Mafia front."

The plumbing company was two miles from Kerner's office.

"We assumed for one reason or another the FBI had tapped our phone," Landau said. "I can remember shouting over the phone that day, 'If you FBI agents are listening, at least give us a line we can call out on.'"

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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FBI suspected

Kerner phone tap revealed

By Kent Bernhard

A private telephone line in federal Judge Otto Kerner's office was tapped for at least four months in 1969, Kerner's former senior law clerk said Saturday.

The former clerk, Elliot A. Landau, told The Daily News that he and the judge do not believe the telephone was tapped by Army intelligence, despite reports that Kerner was one of several prominent Illinois citizens who were under surveillance by the Army during 1969.

LANDAU, now an assistant law professor at Drake University in Des Moines, said he believes that Kerner's private line was tapped by the FBI, although he does not definitely know of any reason for the alleged FBI surveillance.

"The nature of the tap and the way we discovered it just doesn't lead to the conclusion that it was the Army tapping the judge's phone," Landau said.

Landau said that he and Kerner talked about the alleged tap as recently as Friday and that the judge had no objection to Landau's disclosures.

"There was never any official action that we took," Landau said, "simply because we had the feeling: 'what can you do?'"

LANDAU SAID Judge Kerner, former Illinois governor, had a feeling of "powerlessness" over the alleged tap.

"If you feel you're being tapped by a government agency, who do you go to to clear it up?" said Landau. "They're probably the ones who are lis-

tening in and wouldn't admit it, anyway."

A SPOKESMAN in the FBI's Chicago office said Saturday there would be no immediate comment on Landau's allegations.

Landau said suspicions of a tap on Kerner's private line started in January, 1969, when "we heard unusual sounds with other conversations mixed in."

In late March or early April, he said, Landau attempted to make a call on the private line but received no dial tone and hung up, he said. He tried again and found himself listening to a telephone conversation between a man and a woman.

After listening to the conversation for some time, he said, he learned that the conversation was between a switchboard operator for a plumbing supply firm and another employe of the firm who were talking on an internal office phone.

LANDAU SAID he believes he was able to listen to the conversation because the plumbing firm's telephone lines and Kerner's private line both were being monitored from the same locations and, through a technical error, the lines were connected.

Landau said that after hearing the conversation, it was learned that the plumbing firm was a suspected crime syndicate front, strengthening his belief that the FBI was involved in bugging.

"We assumed the FBI had tapped our phone," Landau said. "I can remember shouting over the phone that day, 'If you FBI agents are going to listen in, at least find somebody qualified to do it.'"

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: December 24, 1970

FROM : A. Rosen *ARM*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT:

 - COMPLAINANT
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. Nuzum
1 - Mr. Bishop

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United Press International release of 12-19-70, quoted Elliot A. Landau, former senior law clerk of Judge Otto Kerner, Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Chicago, as stating that in early 1969 the Judge's private office telephone was tapped for four months and Landau assumed it was done by the FBI.

 (no pertinent references in our files), presently assistant was contacted 12-23-70, by Omaha Office to make him put up or shut up regarding his allegation. He had no concrete facts of wire tapping by FBI or anyone else and stated sometimes, when using the Judge's private telephone line, he heard unusual sounds and sometimes other conversations. He assumed this meant the Judge's telephone was tapped and such was done by the FBI. He never reported this to telephone company, local police or FBI. It was emphatically pointed out to that the FBI had never tapped the Judge's telephone, that Judge Kerner had been so informed and should cease making unfounded charges involving the FBI. He was told in the strongest terms his remarks about the FBI were completely false and such irresponsible action on his part was inexcusable.

On 12-22-70, Judge Kerner contacted SAC Bates, Chicago, and stated he was embarrassed by charges, that he had no knowledge of the matter, and did not bring the matter to his attention in 1969 or in any way prior to comments in the press. Further, the Judge personally has no suspicion his phone was tapped. Bates assured the Judge the FBI had never tapped any of his phones. The Judge said he has the highest regard for the Director and the FBI and it is his opinion is enjoying the publicity even though there is no basis for his allegations. SAC Bates also issued a denial of the allegation to the Chicago press in response to press inquiries.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan

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The Illinois Bell Telephone Company on 12-23-70, advised it was not contacted regarding any suspicion of telephone taps or other telephone complaints concerning Judge Kerner's telephones in 1969 or since. The results of inquiries made were discussed with the U.S. Attorney, Chicago, 12-23-70, and he advised the matter was not worthy of any further investigation or other action.

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

January 7, 1971

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Staffeld

NAME CHECK REQUEST

Reference is made to your letter of December 29, 1970, requesting a check of our files concerning Otto Kerner and nine other individuals. With regard to these individuals, our files reveal no pertinent information concerning the following: [redacted]

and [redacted] Concerning the other individuals, our files reveal the following information which may possibly pertain to them. However, in view of the extremely limited identifying data furnished in your request, no assurance can be given that the following information actually applies to the individuals in whom you are interested.

With regard to Otto Kerner, our files reveal that applicant-type investigations were conducted concerning him in 1947 and 1964 and a limited inquiry was conducted concerning Kerner, then Governor of Illinois, in February, 1968, at the request of the then Attorney General. By letter dated February 9, 1968, the then Attorney General was furnished all information available concerning Kerner. (161-2820)

Concerning [redacted] our files reveal that an applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning him in December, 1965, at which time he was being considered for the position of United States District Judge in the Northern District of Illinois. Copies of all investigative reports, under the title [redacted] were furnished to the then Deputy Attorney General on December 28, 1965. In addition, a summary-type memorandum was furnished to the Department under that same title, summarizing the results of the investigation, and by letter dated December 28, 1965, the then Attorney General was advised of the reports being furnished to the then Deputy Attorney General, which letter incorporated other additional data concerning [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

In addition, there are enclosed for your information copies of two newspaper clippings, one dated April 4, 1966, from the Chicago Daily News, and the other dated July 9, 1969, from the Chicago Daily News. These articles are self-explanatory. (77-98216)

With regard to [redacted] by letter dated January 23, 1970, the Deputy Attorney General furnished this Bureau a copy of a newspaper article and requested that this Bureau advise of any information we might have reflecting upon the matter raised in the article. The subject of this letter was entitled "Information Request" and the article contained information concerning [redacted] of Jersey County, Treasurer of the State Democratic Party. Our reply to this request was furnished to the Deputy Attorney General by letter dated January 30, 1970, entitled "Information Request." (44-42988)

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In addition, the Records Administration Office of the Department was furnished two memoranda entitled [redacted] Unknown Subjects; Civic Center Bank and Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois; Federal Reserve Act," dated July 23, 1970, and October 30, 1970. It is noted that this matter arose out of information furnished to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] in Chicago, and it appears that this matter is currently under investigation as requested by Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]

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Concerning Robert Quinn, our files reveal that one Robert Quinn, described as Chicago "Fire Commissioner," is mentioned in the enclosure to a letter dated September 14, 1964, from the then Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, captioned "Anonymous Letter; Chicago Bombings." This enclosure indicated information concerning arsons and bombings in the Chicago area could be obtained by giving "lie tests" to Quinn and others. (157-2-9-703)

Regarding [redacted], it is noted that the name of one [redacted] Democratic committeeman of Chicago's [redacted] was mentioned in a report entitled [redacted] aka," under the character of Anti-Racketeering, dated at Chicago on February 13, 1969. This report was furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, during the course of an investigation of Prio. The above is the only information which was located in our files pertaining to one George Dunne. [redacted]

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Concerning [redacted], our files do not reveal that he has been investigated by this Bureau. However, it is noted that the name of [redacted] is mentioned in a report dated February 1, 1963, at Chicago, entitled "Criminal Influence in Local 134, Etc.," under the character of Anti-Racketeering. This report was furnished to the then Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, on February 11, 1963. (92-5045-22)

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In addition, the name of [redacted] is mentioned throughout a report dated February 4, 1963, at Chicago, entitled "Local 134, IBEW; Et Al.," under the character "Antitrust (Accounting Investigation)." This report was furnished the Antitrust Division of the Department on February 15, 1963. Another report under the same caption dated June 11, 1963, at Chicago, contained information concerning [redacted]. This report was furnished to the Antitrust Division of the Department on June 21, 1963. (60-5739-113,128)

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The name of one [redacted] described in November, 1962, as the then newly elected county assessor, appeared in a report entitled [redacted] " under the character of Anti-Racketeering, dated March 9, 1966, at Chicago. This report was furnished to the Department on March 23, 1966. (92-9162-1)

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The name of [redacted] described as the Cook County Assessor, appeared in a report dated May 13, 1963, at Chicago, Illinois, under the title "Criminal Influence in Local 134, IBEW, Etc.," under the character of Anti-Racketeering. A copy of this report was furnished to the Department on May 23, 1963. (92-5045-23)

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In December, 1969, the Chicago Field Office of this Bureau advised that then Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chief, Special Prosecutions Unit, United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, had recently furnished a tape of a conversation of one [redacted] with Cook County State's Attorney [redacted] and former Assistant United States Attorney [redacted]. This tape was monitored by our Chicago office and it is noted that there was considerable information furnished regarding the hoodlum and criminal element in and around Chicago. At one point in this tape, it was mentioned that [redacted] claimed [redacted] (not further described), veteran Democratic politician in Chicago, bets \$200,000 on every election." (62-9-9-2022)

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Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Based on the limited information furnished concerning these individuals, a search of the Identification Division records of this Bureau was made by name only and no identifiable arrest record was located for any of the ten individuals on whom you made inquiry.

Enclosures (2)

Note: Information being furnished to the Department concerning the tape involving [redacted] is in the possession of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago. In view of the fact it may be pertinent, this information is being furnished to the Department.

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No arrest record on any of the individuals was located based on a name check only in the Identification Division.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 1/25/71

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: DRAKE UNIVERSITY
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It will be recalled that a United Press International (UPI) release of 12/19/70 quoted the above captioned individual, formerly a senior law clerk of Judge Otto Kerner, 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, Chicago, as stating that in early 1969 the Judge's private office telephone was tapped for four months and assumed it was done by the FBI. At the Director's instruction, was contacted by Bureau representatives on 12/23/70 to make him put up or shut up regarding his allegation. He had no concrete facts of wiretapping by the FBI or anyone else. It was emphatically pointed out to him that the FBI had never tapped the Judge's telephone and that Judge Kerner had been so informed. He was told in the strongest terms that his remarks about the FBI were completely false; that such irresponsible action on his part was inexcusable; and that he should cease making unfounded charges involving the FBI. Judge Kerner was also contacted concerning this matter on 12/22/70 by the SAC at Chicago. He was embarrassed by charges and said that he had no knowledge of the matter and that did not bring the matter to his attention or prior to commenting to the press.

It will also be recalled that UPI on January 22, 1971, carried a story concerning two Justice Department officials who allegedly stated that the Director should have retired 10 years ago. (They have denied making such statements and claim to have been misquoted.) The UPI story indicated that the alleged remarks by the Justice Department employees were made the day before (January 21st) before a group of Drake University law students. From this it would appear that no one from UPI was present when these remarks were made but that this information had to come from someone who was present.

- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Miss Gandy
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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Bishop to Sullivan Memorandum

Re: [REDACTED]

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On January 24, 1971, the "Washington Sunday Star" carried a story (attached) which states that members of the law faculty of Drake University disputed the denial of the two Departmental employees about the remarks they allegedly made. The story says that one faculty member told the "Star" that the UPI story was "right down the line word for word." The story states as follows: "Earlier, Assistant Law Professor Eliot Landau told the "Des Moines Register" the Justice aides were quoted accurately." This is the same [REDACTED] referred to above who gave out the false story that the FBI had tapped Judge Kerner's telephone. It would appear that he probably also is the source of the UPI story about the alleged remarks by the Justice Department employees while appearing at Drake University. On a memorandum prepared by Mr. Rosen on 12/24/70 concerning [REDACTED] false allegation that the FBI had tapped Judge Kerner's phone, the Director had noted, "This skunk, [REDACTED] is one hell of a character to be on the law faculty of an university."

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The above would indicate that the Director's analysis of this individual is 100 percent accurate.

RECOMMENDATION

None. For information.

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'Misquotes' On FBI Chief Are Disputed

Members of the law faculty of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, yesterday disputed a Justice Department statement that two departmental aides were is-quoted in remarks they made about FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

"The story was right down the line, word for word," one faculty member told The Star yesterday, referring to a United Press International report of a meeting with law students there Thursday.

Earlier, assistant law professor Eliot Landau told the Des Moines Register the Justice

aides were quoted accurately. Robert Murphy, assistant chief of the criminal section of Justice's Civil Rights Division, and Mike Abbell, an attorney in the Criminal Division, were quoted in the story as saying Hoover was "an entity unto himself" and should have retired a decade ago.

Assistant Attorney General William H. Rehnquist, legal counsel to Attorney General John N. Mitchell, also was at the Drake meeting and defended Hoover.

Late Friday, a Justice Department spokesman said, "the quotes are not accurate. They certainly do not reflect the quotes are not accurate. They certainly do not reflect the views of the department." Mitchell ordered the three aides to report to him on just what they said about Hoover.

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The United States Department
of Justice
9th and Constitution Avenue, N. W.
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ATTENTION: Director, Privacy Act Unit

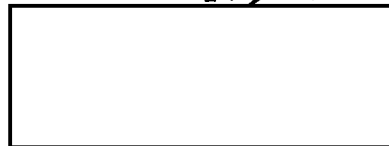
Dear Sir:

The undersigned represents Otto Kerner, Jr., of
233 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois. Upon Mr. Kerner's
express authorization, I hereby formally make a request pur-
suant to the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, for all
of the information listed on the attached Schedule A. You
may deem me an authorized representative under the terms
of the Act to inspect the requested records.

I am prepared to comply with your good faith adminis-
trative needs concerning the amount of time you may require
to fulfill this request, so long as your response is reasonably
expeditious.

Your timely response to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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SCHEDULE A

Definition

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Time Period

All information requested is for the period from January 1, 1960 to date, unless otherwise specifically indicated. However, documents prepared prior to the relevant time period, but which relate or refer thereto, are to be included in your response to this request.

Documents Requested

1. All Federal Personnel Records of Otto Kerner, Jr., and all documents referring or relating to the aforesaid records.
2. All documents referring or relating to any involvement of former President Richard M. Nixon, former Attorney General John M. Mitchell and/or any Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, or any agents or representatives of them, in the criminal prosecution of Otto Kerner, Jr.
3. All documents referring or relating to the activities, associations, affiliations, memberships, political campaigns, judicial actions and public actions of Otto Kerner, Jr.
4. All reports of any nature whatsoever referring or relating to Otto Kerner, Jr., prepared by any agents of the Federal, state or local governments, or subdivisions thereof, and/or at the behest of the aforesaid entities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Federal Bureau of Investigation
- b. Defense Intelligence Agency
- c. Internal Revenue Service
- d. Central Intelligence Agency

5. All documents referring or relating to or containing information on the finances of Otto Kerner, Jr., prepared by any agents of the Federal, state or local governments, or subdivisions thereof, and/or at the behest of the aforesaid entities, including, but not limited to, the following:

- a. Federal Bureau of Investigation
- b. Defense Intelligence Agency
- c. Internal Revenue Service
- d. Central Intelligence Agency

6. All documents referring or relating to legal or illegal wiretapping, or any form of electronic or personal surveillance whatsoever, engaged in by any agents or the Federal, state or local governments or any subdivisions thereof and/or at the behest of any of the aforesaid governments or subdivisions thereof.

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Type of References Requested:

- ☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)
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☐ Main _____ References Only

Type of Search Requested:

- ☐ Restricted to Locality of _____
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject OTTO KERNER, JR.
 Birthdate & Place 8-15-08 CHIC, ILL.
 Address 233 E. WATSON ST.
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Executive Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Deputy Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
10th and Constitution Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20530

Re. "Privacy Access Request"

Dear Sir:

The undersigned represents Otto Kerner, Jr. of 233 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois, and is the authorized representative of Mr. Kerner under the terms of the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a. Therefore, I hereby formally renew my request, based upon a Privacy Act letter submitted to the Department of Justice by this office on October 22, 1975, for any and all information on Otto Kerner, Jr. which your office possesses, including, but not limited to, the attached Schedule A.

Enclosed you will find the duly notarized identification form of Otto Kerner, Jr., pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 16.41.

I am prepared to comply with your good faith administrative needs concerning the amount of time you may require to fulfill this request, so long as your response is reasonably expeditious.

Your timely response to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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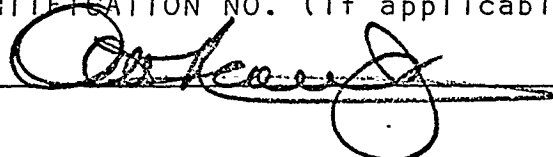
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Identity Verification

In accordance with 28 CFR 16.41, the information on this form is required for all individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act, P.L. 93-579. This information will be used to verify the applicant's identity and to identify records available to him/her. Failure to furnish this information will result in a denial of the request. False information on this form subjects the requester to criminal penalties.

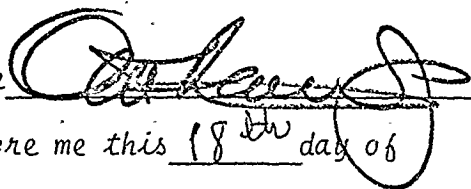
FULL NAME OF REQUESTER Otto Kerner, Jr.CURRENT ADDRESS 233 East Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611DATE OF BIRTH August 15, 1908PLACE OF BIRTH Chicago, Illinois

EMPLOYEE IDENTIFICATION NO. (If applicable) _____

SIGNATURE 

Please attach a photocopy of an identifying document (such as a passport, identification badge, drivers license, etc.) OR complete the form below.

I certify that I am the person named above and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 USC 1001 by a fine or imprisonment or both.

Signature Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Nov., 1975.Signature of Notary Andrew K. EllerMy Commission Expires My Comm. expires Aug 8, 1979

October 29, 1975

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Dear [Redacted]

Your recent letter requesting records of the Department of Justice in behalf of your client, Mr. Otto Kerner, has been received.

Pursuant to the Privacy Act, P.L. 93-579, which became effective September 27, 1975, and C.F.R. 26.41, an individual seeking access to records about himself in a Department of Justice records system should indicate the system(s) of records to which he seeks access and address his request directly to the system manager(s). A list of records systems and system managers was printed in the August 27 and September 23, 1975 issues of the Federal Register ("Notices of Systems of Records," Part II, Section 2). The Federal Register is obtainable at your local library. For your assistance, I have enclosed a listing of the various components of the Department which maintain records systems.

The enclosed form asking for identifying information must be completed by your client so that your request can be processed. This form should be submitted with your request to the system manager. If your client seeks access to records within more than one system, a copy of this form should be provided to each manager.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

to the
Deputy Attorney General

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December 15, 1975

[Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of December 11, 1975, concerning your client, Otto Kerner has been received by the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and referred to the Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, Tax and Criminal Divisions and the FBI. You may expect separate determinations and responses from each of these offices.

Sincerely,

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Seymour and Patton
1225 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear [Redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request by the FBI on December 16, 1975, concerning your client, Otto Kerner, Jr.

An exceedingly heavy volume of FOIPA requests has been received these past few months. Additionally, court deadlines involving certain historical cases of considerable scope have been imposed upon the FBI. Despite successive expansions of our staff responsible for FOIPA matters, substantial delays in processing requests continue.

The FBI has 6,176 FOIPA requests on hand. Processing has begun, and is in various stages of completion on 1,004 of those cases. In an effort to deal fairly with any request requiring the retrieval, processing and duplication of documents, each request is being handled in chronological order based on the date of receipt. Please be assured that your request is being handled as equitably as possible and that all documents which can be released will be made available at the earliest possible date.

Your patience and cooperation will be appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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